

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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# Town Officers - 1953

## Selectmen, Overseers Public Welfare and Board of Health

Stephen Weekes	Term Expires February 1956
Alton E. Walker	Term Expires February 1955
Howard C. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954

## Assessors

Stephen Weekes	Term Expires February 1956
Alton E. Walker	Term Expires February 1955
Howard C. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954

## Town Clerk

Henry K. Bearse	Term Expires February 1954
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## Town Treasurer

Henry K. Bearse	Term Expires February 1954
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## Collector of Taxes

Leslie V. Nickerson	Term Expires February 1954
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## Surveyor of Highways

Alton P. Hall	Term Expires February 1954
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## Tree Warden

Walter E. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954
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## Moderator

John H. Paine	Term Expires February 1954
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## School Committee

Ephriam G. Nickerson	Term Expires February 1956
Margaret Leonard	Term Expires February 1955
Channing H. Baker	Term Expires February 1954

## Constables

C. Conrad Nickerson	Term Expires February 1954
Charles S. Hartig	Term Expires February 1954
Horace F. Wixon	Term Expires February 1954

### Park Commissioners

Emulous E. Hall Jr.	Term Expires February 1956
Reginald P. Kendall	Term Expires February 1955
William C. Chase	Term Expires February 1954

### Water Commissioners

Walter E. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1956
Francis J. Hibbert	Term Expires February 1955
Norman O. Nickerson	Term Expires February 1954

### Cemetery Commissioners

Henry F. Smith	Term Expires February 1956
Carlton Chandler	Term Expires February 1955
John R. S. Handren	Term Expires February 1954

### Herring Committee

Donald T. Bates	Term Expires February 1954
Archilus H. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954
Milton L. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954

### Trustees Broadbrooks Free Library

Mildred B. Paine	Term Expires February 1956
Hillary M. LeClaire	Term Expires February 1955
Charlotte P. Sims	Term Expires February 1954

### Planning Board

Roswell H. Nye	Term Expires February 1958
Edwin W. Dybing	Term Expires February 1957
Ralph B. Snow	Term Expires February 1956
C. William Johnson, chm.	Term Expires February 1955
Esther A. Stidstone, sec.	Term Expires February 1954

### Recreation Commissioners

Raymond H. Grayson	Term Expires February 1958
Virginia S. Doane	Term Expires February 1957
Earle F. Bassett	Term Expires February 1956
Priscilla D. Baldwin	Term Expires February 1955
H. Morrison Mitchell	Term Expires February 1954

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Finance Committee

Marshall Siebenmann, chm.	Term Expires February 1956
Calvin C. Eldredge (resigned)	
Irvin R. Phipps	Term Expires February 1956
Henry Higgins	Term Expires February 1955
James Baldwin	Term Expires February 1955
Thomas M. Wright (resigned)	
C. R. Crosby	Term Expires February 1954
H. William Morey	Term Expires February 1954
George C. Baldwin	Term Expires February 1954
Hilliard E. Hopkins (resigned)	
Robert S. Stearns	Term Expires February 1954
Ashael E. Drake	Term Expires February 1954

### Registrars of Voters

Cleon S. Crowell, chm.	Term Expires February 1956
Joseph V. Gavin	Term Expires February 1955
Amy B. Davis (resigned)	
Helena T. Maguire	Term Expires February 1954

### Sealer of Weights & Measures

Victor S. Ryder	Term Expires February 1954
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### Superintendent Moth Department

Walter E. Cahoon	Term Expires February 1954
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### Inspector of Animals

Hilliard E. Hopkins	Term Expires February 1954
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### Inspector of Slaughtering

Hilliard E. Hopkins	Term Expires February 1954
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### Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

Roswell H. Nye	Term Expires February 1954
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### Wire Inspector

Bradford L. Barrett	Term Expires February 1954
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### Building Inspector

Winslow B. Sawyer	Term Expires February 1954
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### Plumbing Inspector

Courtenay N. Chase	Term Expires February 1954
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### **Field Drivers and Fence Viewers**

C. Conrad Nickerson	Term Expires February 1954
Charles S. Hartig	Term Expires February 1954
Horace F. Wixon	Term Expires February 1954

### **Building and Fire Prevention By-Law Appeal Board**

Charles T. Chase	Term Expires February 1956
Thomas M. Wright (resigned)	
Donald Hall	Term Expires February 1955

### **Protective By-Law Board of Appeals**

Peter Barber (Harwich Port)	Term Expires February 1960
Charlotte Sims (Harwich)	Term Expires February 1959
Sheldon Thayer (S. Harwich)	Term Expires February 1958
Carl Lombard (N. Harwich)	Term Expires February 1957
Francis M. Orchard, chairman (W. Harwich)	Term Expires February 1956
Donald Bates (Pleasant Lake)	Term Expires February 1955
E. Gorham Nickerson (E. Harwich)	Term Expires February 1954

### **Veterans' Agent**

Harry B. Albro	Term Expires February 1954
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### **Acting Civil Defense Director**

H. William Morey (resigned)	
Howard B. Corey	Term Expires February 1954

### **Shellfish Warden**

Roger W. Munsey	Term Expires February 1954
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### **Harbor Masters**

Watson J. Small— (Wytchmere Harbor)	Term Expires February 1954
Rupert P. Nichols— (Allens Harbor)	Term Expires February 1954
Roger W. Munsey—(Town)	Term Expires February 1954

### **Chief of Police**

C. Conrad Nickerson

### **Fire Chief & Forest Warden**

Charles A. Hall

**Town Accountant**

Althea M. Chase

Term Expires February 1956

**Town Counsel**

Oscar J. Cahoon

**Secretary to Selectmen & Assessors**

Charlotte W. Morey

Term Expires February 1954

**Welfare Agent**

Olive L. Williams

**Social Worker**

Frances V. Nichols

**Junior Clerk Typist**

Mary L. Snow

**Dog Officer**

Hilliard E. Hopkins

Term Expires February 1954

**Health Officer**

Dr. F. L. Moore

Term Expires February 1954

**Sanitary Inspector & Collector of Milk Samples**

Ernest C. Eldredge

Term Expires February 1954

**Wharfinger**

Roger W. Munsey

Term Expires February 1954

**Town Nurse**

Adelyn J. Peabody, R.N.

**Town Forest Committee**

Joseph E. Craffey

Donald T. Bates

Doris Doane

**Trustees Caleb Chase Fund**

Milton Cahoon

Henry F. Smith

## Report of the Selectmen

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Harwich is growing with giant strides. Each year the summer population increases, more people and more businesses are coming to our Town. We can expect this growth to continue. Every year Cape Cod is made more easily accessible. Your Selectmen are trying to prepare for this influx of people and business. Nothing can stop it; we must be ready for it. We must be constantly alert to guide this growth into channels that will be of the greatest benefit to Harwich. While our Town grows we must be sure it grows in such a way that we lose none of its natural charm and beauty.

The many rules and regulations that the voters have been asked to approve in recent years are not to allow their private lives to be entered into and restricted, but are a necessity to protect our Town from those who would come here to commercialize it and profit from it with no thought of saving its inherent tradition of a quiet and peaceful village.

For some months now the Selectmen have been working at solutions to the town's many problems. Some of these problems have been with us a long time—others are new, and are with us because of the rapid growth of our Town. Not unlike other towns on Cape Cod Harwich's chief problem is the lack of Town owned bathing beaches.

At present, out of the 30,000 feet in shore frontage, the Town owns 860 feet. This is but 3% of the entire salt water beach. With an estimated 10,000 summer population and about 400 people or 4% having private beaches it leaves 9,600 people or 96% to use the Town's beaches. Of course not everyone goes swimming, but the inadequacy of our Town bathing beaches is very evident, and a problem that must be solved if we hope to prosper and continue as a summer resort.

Hoping to enlarge our neighborhood beaches at Pleasant Road, Earle Road and the Camp Ground, and to acquire a large beach area in South Harwich east of Deep Hole Road, we have this past year negotiated with intent to purchase, with many owners of beach property and feel that we have



gone a long way at improving our situation. The articles in this year's warrant are the result of our work and negotiation.

The Town of Harwich was exceedingly fortunate in 1953 to receive as a gift from Mrs. Eva Bassett of Harwich Port 200 feet of excellent beach at the foot of Wyndemere Road. We also received this year from Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Nickerson of East Harwich a deed to some 100 feet of beach on Pleasant Bay and we are momentarily expecting a deed from Moss Lippincott for 100 feet of beach in the same area. These parcels are at the foot of Bay Road in East Harwich. To these people who have given so generously we are indeed grateful.

This past year in South Harwich at the foot of Deep Hole Road the State Department of Public Works constructed a jetty 200 feet into Nantucket Sound. Some 1,000 cubic yards of sand were trucked into the beach area west of this jetty. This more or less experiment at building a beach seems to be working out very satisfactorily and we are hopeful that more beach can be built to the east of this area. The State Department of Public Works has promised us their co-operation in this work.

At the present time there is much state wide agitation for state owned beaches on Cape Cod. Although we have done a great deal to provide seashore facilities for our townspeople and our summer visitors, we should do much more, thereby improving the attractiveness of our Town and Combating the menace of state control.

However your Selectmen would avoid at all costs picnic tables, hot dog stands or any other commercialization of our Town's Parks and beaches. Every effort must be made to preserve our beaches and to keep them as naturally beautiful as possible.

The problem of off street parking in Harwich Port is not a new problem—it has been with us a long time. We feel that we must find some relief for parking and traffic in this part of our Town. We have talked with the First National Store and with the A & P in regard to a super market for Harwich Port. They are definitely interested and we are hopeful it can be worked out. Our immediate program is to purchase the Phineas O. Baker property which goes through to Pleasant Street and to sell the front on Route 28 with 150 feet depth to some business concern. The remaining land is to be used for parking, entrance to the property from Route 28 and exit to Pleasant Street. Further plans are to purchase land between this property and the Schoolhouse Lot, and a

future possibility is to tie in this area with the parking lot behind the Savings Bank and Trust Company. If we can acquire sufficient off street parking we will be able to do away with parking on Route 28 in the summer and thereby eliminate a serious traffic hazard.

This program is planned not solely to assist the business section of our town, but also to attempt to provide adequate parking space for the townspeople and our summer residents, and to relieve the traffic congestion.

In an attempt to relieve some of the pressure on our salt water beaches, and also to provide for the public, access to fresh water, the Selectmen have articles in the Warrant calling for the purchase of shore land on Seymours Pond and Long Pond. We believe that these two areas will provide the Town with a beginning for fresh water bathing that can be increased and developed in later years. Perhaps we should discuss at this time the article in the Warrant which calls for the purchase of the Aluisy property in East Harwich. This area comprising some 160 acres of woodland, a large lodge, a cottage, garage and boathouse, also includes the whole of Bucks Pond, part of John Joseph's Pond and various swampy areas. If the voters see fit to purchase this property its development could be planned over a period of time in whatever way would be most advantageous to the Town. In presenting this article to the voters we are looking to the future; to the time when our fresh water beaches will be as coveted as our salt water beaches are today.

Another article in this year's warrant concerns the purchase of some 60 acres of land for recreational purposes north of and adjacent to Brooks Park. This article includes the purchase of the old railroad bed from Oak Street to Route 39. The property consisting mainly of wood and scrubland, is level and should be excellent land for future recreational development.

The voters are asked this year to extend our Protective By-Law into East Harwich, Harwich Center, Pleasant Lake and North Harwich. With the acceptance of this extension the entire town will be zoned. Although zoning is not a panacea for any town, never-the-less we feel that it has been and will be in the future a benefit to the Town, a means of protection to the townspeople, and a preservation of our way of living here in Harwich.

There is an article in the Warrant this year to purchase the Old Bank Building in Harwich Center for \$15,000.00 and to appropriate \$15,000.00 to alter and refinish the interior.



We feel that this building can be made into excellent and efficient Town Offices with all the necessary rooms and privacy.

In June 1953 the Town borrowed \$430,000 in a twenty year bond issue to construct the addition to the Elementary School. The Town pays interest on this loan at 2.7%. Our total bonded debt outstanding on January 1, 1954 was \$732,000 with \$711,000 for School bonds and \$21,000 for Water Bonds.

According to the instructions voted in the 1953 warrant the Selectmen have carried out the following projects:

Elimination of the dangerous intersection of Route 137 and 39 in East Harwich. This work was done by the State Department of Public Works under Chapter 90.

Purchase of a new Police Cruiser. Chase Chevrolet of Chatham was awarded the bid.

Purchase of a new Pumper for the Fire Department. American LaFrance Company was awarded the bid and contract.

Construction of Comfort Station on Bank Street beach. Cape Cod Builders were awarded the bid and contract.

Construction and improvement of Parking Lots at Bank Street beach, Earle Road and Pleasant Road. Fred Crowell was awarded the bid and contract.

Extension of School House Parking Lot in Harwich Port. Fred V. Lawrence of Falmouth was awarded the bid and contract.

Construction of Lothrop Avenue bridge. This work was done by Turner & Breivogel Company and was supervised by the State Department of Public Works who added \$2,000 to the Town's appropriation of \$4,500.

Fourth of July Celebration. The Selectmen appointed a committee to work with us on this project. The Committee decided on a Band Concert and fire works in Brooks Park. A block dance was held in the School House Parking Lot in Harwich Port. All these events took place the night before the Fourth.

Detailed reports of the various Town Departments appear elsewhere in this book. We wish to thank all those who have contributed this year to the welfare of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. CAHOON  
ALTON E. WALKER  
STEPHEN WEEKS

Selectmen of Harwich



## Assessors' Report

Valuation of the Town—December 31, 1953	\$13,203,960.00
Valuation of the Town—December 31, 1952	12,281,040.00

Increase in valuation	\$922,920.00
Valuation of land exclusive of buildings	\$2,706,170.00
Valuation of buildings exclusive of land	9,415,780.00

Total valuation of land & buildings	\$12,121,950.00
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### Valuation of Personal Estates:

Stock in Trade	\$101,050.00
Machinery	52,900.00
Livestock	1,340.70
All other Tangible Property	296,719.30

Total valuation of	_____
Personal Property	\$1,082,010.00

\$12,121,950.00

1,082,010.00

\$13,203,960.00

### Taxes Levied:

Tax on Real Estate	\$387,902.40
Tax on Personal Property	34,624.32
Tax on Polls	2,310.00

Total taxes	\$424,836.72
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Tax Rate—\$32.00 per Thousand

### Added valuation—November 16, 1953:

Real Estate	\$6,100.00
Personal Property	1,730.00
	\$7,830.00

### Added valuation—October 16, 1953:

Personal Property	\$12,150.00
	\$12,150.00

Added valuation—December 18, 1953:

Real Estate

\$700.00

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\$700.00

Total added valuation

\$20,680.00

Total tax on added valuation

\$661.76

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses

6

Cows

4

Swine

10

Goats

9

Fowl

285

Number of Acres of Land Assessed—9,038.24

Number of Dwellings Assessed—2,683

### Recapitulation

Total appropriations as certified by  
the Town Clerk

\$575,321.03

Amount used from Available Funds

117,765.33

Overlay Deficits—1951 & 1952

358.72

State Parks & Reservations

539.88

State Audit of Municipal Accounts

796.27

Mosquito Control—Cape Cod Project

4,298.37

County Tax

59,513.91

Overlay 1952

5,998.00

Barnstable County Retirement System

2,739.57

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Gross amount to be raised

\$767,331.08

### Estimated Receipts

Income Tax

\$30,625.93

Corporation Tax

29,752.20

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise

30,075.73

Old Age Tax (Meals)

2,006.82

Licenses

5,000.00

General Government

9,500.00

Charities (other than Federal Grants)

9,000.00

Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)

43,000.00

Veterans Benefits

4,000.00

Schools

12,473.28

Public Services (water)

48,000.00

Court House Rent

1,250.00

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Total estimated receipts

\$224,683.96

Overestimates of previous year:

Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project	\$45.07
Amounts taken from Available Funds	117,765.33

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\$117,810.40

Total amount to be raised	\$767,331.08
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Total estimated receipts and available funds	342,494.36
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Net amount raised by Taxation	\$424,836.72
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Tax on Polls	\$2,310.00
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Personal Property	34,624.32
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Real Estate tax	387,902.40
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\$424,836.72	\$424,836.72
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ALTON E. WALKER, Chm.

HOWARD C. CAHOON

STEPHEN WEEKES

Assessors of Harwich



# TOWN OF HARWICH



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

# WARRANT

February 8, 1954

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Harwich in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in High School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, February 8, 1954 at 7:00 A.M., then and there to act on Article 1 and afterwards on the following day, Tuesday, February 9, 1954 at 7:30 P.M. to meet in Exchange Hall to act on the remaining articles.

Polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and may close at 2:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** To choose on one ballot the following Town Officers and Committees: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes for one year; one Selectman, Overseer of Public Welfare and Board of Health for three years; one Assessor for three years; three Herring Committee members for one year; one Recreation Committee member for five years; three Constables for one year; one Trustee of Brooks Library for 3 years; one Park Commissioner for three years; Surveyor of Highways

for one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Tree Warden for one year; Moderator for one year; one School Committee for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; and one Planning Board Member for five years.

**Article 2.** To choose all other Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Article 4.** To hear the report of all Town Officers and Committees for the year of 1953.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the calendar year 1954 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriate available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereon.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with whatever State and County funds are available under Chapter 90, Road Construction and to act fully thereon.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift by deed of a piece of beachland located at the foot of Wyndemere Bluffs Road in Harwich Port more particularly described in a deed of Eva M. Bassett to the Town of Harwich dated October 31, 1953 and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds—book 867—page 432, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for beach purposes the following described parcel of land at the Camp Ground in Harwich Port: Southerly by Nantucket Sound; westerly by Anne I. Tangney; northerly by Zylpha Road, a town way; easterly and north-westerly by Fred S. Sherman et ux; northerly and westerly by William G. Dexter; northerly by Ocean Avenue; easterly by



Olive F. Hall et al; northerly by Olive F. Hall et al and Mary Millea et al; westerly by Mary Millea et al; northerly by Atlantic Street; easterly and northerly by George W. Nightingale et ux and easterly by Stuart C. Hurlburt et al according to a plan drawn by Chase, Kelley & Sweetser dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Selectmen and being property owned by Ella F. Doane, the Trustees of Ocean Grove Association and their successors and owners unknown, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for beach purposes the following described parcel of land in West Harwich: Northerly by John J. Taylor et ux; Alfred W. Jones et ux; easterly by Whitehouse Properties Inc.; southerly by Nantucket Sound and westerly by the Town of Harwich, according to a plan drawn by Chase, Kelley & Sweetser, dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Board of Selectmen, said land included within the said plan belonging to John J. Taylor et ux under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 716—page 197; Ella F. Doane under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 573—page 30; Alfred W. Jones et ux under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 704—page 298, book 704—page 296 and owners unknown, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for beach purposes the following described parcels of land in South Harwich: Area A: Southerly by Nantucket Sound; westerly and northerly by the Town of Harwich; southeasterly by Uncle Venies Road. Area B: Southerly by Nantucket Sound; northwesterly by Uncle Venies Road, a town way, and northerly by Uncle Venies Road, a county way; easterly and northerly by Sheila Parker et al; northerly by Bowmars Inc.; Wilbur Nickerson and owners unknown; easterly by the Chatham-Harwich town line. All according to a plan of land drawn by Chase, Kelley & Sweetser dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Selectmen, and said land included in said plan belonging to the following owners: Carl S. Ell, under deeds recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 456—page 439 and book 462—page 447; Bowmars Inc., under certificate of title #11088 registration book 74—page 68; Ruth Keogh Dickinson, certificate of title #3022 land registration book 12—page 162; Brett, Orton and owners unknown; Evelyn M. Case, certificate of title #4086 land registration book 18—page 106; R. Stafford



Derby certificate of title #5443 land registration book 28—page 123; Frederick B. Walker et al under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 477—page 350; the heirs of Jeremiah Walker; Robert Bitzer et ux, certificate of title #2963 land registration book 12—page 103; John C. Bishop et ali, certificate of title #6622 land registration book 38—page 32; Wilbur Nickerson, and owners unknown, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain from Clifton B. Russell for beach purposes the following described parcel of land in West Harwich: Southwesterly by Kendall H. Doble et ali; northerly by Clifton B. Russell; easterly by a way and southerly by Nantucket Sound according to a plan drawn by Chase, Kelley & Sweetser, dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Board of Selectmen, said land included within the said plan being a portion of a parcel of registered land held under certificate #12238 as shown on land court plan #14737, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be used for the prevention of shore erosion and the development of the beach facilities at the new beach in South Harwich, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the prevention of shore erosion and the development of beach facilities at the Earle Road Beach in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be used for the prevention of shore erosion and the development of the beach facilities at the Camp Ground Beach in Harwich Port, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of dredging and harbor improvements at Allens Harbor and to act fully thereon.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase for beach purposes from Lucretia D. Harding a certain parcel of registered property in Pleasant Lake held under certificate #12388 and shown on land court plan #19980A sheet #2 as parcel #3 and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds—book 86—page 8 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to clear and improve the new beach at Seymour's Pond and to act fully thereon.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for beach purposes the following described parcel of land in Pleasant Lake: Northerly by Long Pond; easterly by C. H. Keene; southerly, easterly, northeasterly, northerly and easterly by Louis Fernandes et ux; southwesterly by Louis Fernandes et ux and Frederick H. Jones et ux and westerly by Frederick H. Jones et ux, according to a plan drawn by Chase, Kelley & Sweetser dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Selectmen, and being a part of the land owned by Louis Fernandes et ux under book 795—page 184, and to act fully thereon.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of the extension to Long Pond Drive in Pleasant Lake leading from the northern end of the present layout of Long Pond Drive in a westerly direction to the land of Louis Fernandes et ux as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 25, 1954, and to authorize the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands, or interest in the lands, within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to harden and improve the new layout of Long Pond Drive in Pleasant Lake referred to in a preceeding article and to act fully thereon.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to clear and improve the new beach at the northern end of Long Pond Drive, and to provide access from Long Pond Drive to said beach and to construct a parking lot for said beach and to act fully thereon.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to oil the parking lot at the Earle Road Beach in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to oil the parking lot at the Pleasant Road Beach in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.



**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to oil the parking lot at the Bank Street Beach in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the improvements to the Parking Lot at the Pleasant Road Beach in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the present retaining wall at the Parking Lot at the Bank Street Beach in Harwich Port northerly and westerly and to act fully thereon.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a tract of land from Leslie H. Strong et ux Madge E. Strong located on Bay Road in East Harwich described as follows: Beginning at a point 150 feet from Route #28 and extending westerly along Bay Road 350 feet to a point; thence northerly 60 feet to a bound; thence easterly 150 feet to a bound; then northerly to an old fence at the beginning of the upgrade; thence easterly parallel to Bay Road approximately 200 feet; thence southerly 150 feet to the point of beginning. Said area shall be fenced off and said land shall be used for parking purpose only and to act fully thereon.

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to construct a parking lot at Bay Road, East Harwich on land purchased from Leslie H. Strong et ux Madge E. Strong and to act fully thereon.

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to construct a parking lot at the foot of Bay Road on the east side of Route #28 at the East Harwich Beach and to act fully thereon.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase for municipal parking purpose from Phineas O. Baker, a certain parcel of registered property and the buildings thereon located in Harwich Port held under certificate #10241 and shown on land court plan #19881A and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 68—page 21 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for municipal parking purposes from Frederick W. Crowell et ux Helen E. under deed recorded in Barn-



stable County Registry of Deeds book 772—page 197 and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the southeasterly corner of the premises; thence westerly 120 feet more or less to the Old Schoolhouse Parking Lot; thence northerly 200 feet more or less to land of Bradford Gardner et ux Helen; thence easterly 120 feet more or less to land of Phineas O. Baker; thence southerly 200 feet more or less to the point of beginning and to act fully thereon.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to erect an Information Booth and Comfort Station with plumbing equipment and cesspools on the Old School House Parking Lot in Harwich Port. Said work to be done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and to act fully thereon.

**Article 34.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to a clerk for the Information Booth at Harwich Port and appropriate a sum of money therefore and to act fully thereon.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift by deed of a piece of property in West Harwich, triangular in shape and more particularly described in a deed of the Harwich—Dennis Post #292 to the Town of Harwich dated December 1953 to be recorded herewith and to act fully thereon.

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to accept for memorial purposes the gift by deed of a piece of property located at the intersection of Bank Street and Freeman Street in Harwich Port and more particularly described in a deed of Clarkson P. Bearse to the Town of Harwich dated October 7, 1953 and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 855—page 289 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift by deed of a piece of property located on Allens Harbor adjacent to the plot now owned by the Town southwest of the creek at Lower County Road more particularly described in a deed of Allens Harbor Properties Inc. to the Town of Harwich dated July 31, 1953 and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 850—page 534 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of extending the Town bulkhead at Allens Harbor and to act fully thereon.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to request the Division of Marine Fisheries to authorize the Selectmen to regulate and control the alewife fisheries in the Town of Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 40.** To see what action the town will take in regard to the Herring Fisheries for the year of 1954 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to make necessary improvements to the Herring Brook and to act fully thereon.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a committee of five persons, within thirty days, to study the present administrative organization of the Town and the advantages, if any, of adopting a manager plan of administration, and to make a report of its findings and recommendations (together with the necessary legislation) to the next annual town meeting or to a public hearing to be called for the purpose not later than November 15, 1954, and to appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for use of said committee and to act fully thereon.

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to create a Special Unpaid Committee to be known as the "Regional School District Planning Committee", to consist of three members including one member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the moderator; said committee to proceed and act under Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 331 of the Acts of 1951 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for recreation purposes the following described parcel of land: on the east by Route #39; on the south by Eva Kelley, the estate of Joshua G. Ryder; on the east by the estate of Joshua G. Ryder; on the south by Amedee S. Mazzur et ux; on the south by the Town of Harwich (Brooks Park); on the west by Oak Street; on the north by William H. Bryant; on the west by William H. Bryant and Margaret A. Eldridge; on the south by Margaret A. Eldridge; on the west by Oak Street; on the north by John H. Paine; on the north & northwest by the southeasterly and southerly sideline of an old cartway; on the east by the westerly sideline of an old cartway; on the south, west and north by the land of Richard B. Long et ux and on the north by Kelley and or owners unknown according to a plan drawn by Chase, Kel-



ley & Sweetser dated January 15, 1954 and filed with the Board of Selectmen, said land included within the said plan belonging to Ozias H. Bassett under will of Mehitable Hendren, see deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 65—page 479; Helen C. Sullivan under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 754—page 471; John H. Paine under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 359—page 266; John H. Paine under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 440—page 67; Mildred B. Paine under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 466—page 511; John H. Paine under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 498—page 534; Amedee S. Mazzur and Estelle F. Mazzur under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 655—page 541; Joshua G. Ryder 2d under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 591—page 156; Clifton L. Green under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 658—page 336; Clarence D. Doane, Lenora Crowell, Atherton E. Crowell and Helen J. Swift through inheritance of Levi Long 2d; John H. Paine under deeds recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 401—page 171, book 394—page 272; John H. Paine by inheritance see deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 297—page 95; Elmie and Arthur L. Long by inheritance see deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 307—page 237; Joshua G. Ryder under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 486—page 427; Joshua G. Ryder 2d under deeds recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 591—page 155 and book 231—page 295; Joshua G. Ryder 2d under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 591—page 158; Joshua G. Ryder 2d under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 591—page 154; Arthur Bassett under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 300—page 473; the heirs of Zephaniah Nickerson; the heirs of Fanny R. Kattenhorn; the heirs of George B. and Orrin S. Mecarta; the heirs of Asa L. Jones; the heirs of Levi Long, Edward Ziskind et al, Thomas McDermott under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 569—page 149; and owners unknown and to act fully thereon.

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be used under the supervision of the Recreation Committee for the purpose of improving the recreation land north of Brooks Park and to act fully thereon.



**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to the Water Department construction account for extending water mains and appurtenances in such streets and way, public or private as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine. Also determine whether the appropriation shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the treasury, or by issuance of a loan and to act fully thereon.

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners for extending water mains where requested, providing the estimated income is at least six per cent (6%) of the cost of installing and to act fully thereon.

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the existing water main along Doane Road and South Street from the vicinity of Feuchtwanger's to Sisson Road and to act fully thereon.

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the installation of water mains along Sisson Road from South Street to Route #28 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to connect the existing 6 inch water mains on Belmont Road in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to install water main extensions in Strandway, Pine Lane, Riverway, Mill Point Road and Sea Way at Old Mill Point so-called, at West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 52.** To see what method the Town will vote to adopt toward financing the appropriations which have been voted at this meeting for the extension of water mains; determine whether the appropriation shall be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the treasury or by issuance of a loan and to act fully thereon.

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Pleasant Bay Road in East Harwich leading from Route #137 in an easterly direction to Route #28 as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 25,

1954 and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands, or interest in the lands, within said layout, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to widen and improve Pleasant Bay Road, so-called in East Harwich from Route #137 to Route #28 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the purpose of widening and re-surfacing Earle Terrace in West Harwich, as far as money will allow and to act fully thereon.

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of widening and re-surfacing Belmont Road from Route #28 in West Harwich to Lower County Road and to act fully thereon.

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to harden and improve the town way known as Victory Drive in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of widening and improving (including oil) a section of Queen Anne Road beginning at the residence of Gideon Rose and extending easterly to the residence of William Walker and to act fully thereon.

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to re-surface the side walks on the south side of Main Street, Harwich Port, with curbings to be installed where there are none at present beginning at Buttner's store and extending easterly to Snow Inn Road in Harwich Port. Such surface to be concrete and to extend to the curbings edge and to act fully thereon.

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to layout Robbins Road in Harwich Port as a Town Way and to act fully thereon.

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to layout Trumet Road in West Harwich leading from Kelly Road northerly to Joe Lincoln Road and to act fully thereon.



**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand six hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$9,685) for the purpose of purchasing a model 212 grader for the Highway Department and to act fully thereon.

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,625) for the purpose of purchasing a one Ton roller for the Highway Department and to act fully thereon.

**Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich in the following manner: Article 9, Section 1—Delete the words at the end of the second sentence which read: “That the Water Department of the Town of Harwich shall not be required to obtain such license or make such repairs in connection with the installation of water services from its mains or in connection with emergency repairs”—and substitute the following: “That the Water Department of the Town of Harwich shall not be required to obtain such license in connection with the installation of water services from its mains or in connection with emergency repairs, but shall give proper notice to the Surveyor of Highways or other officials having charge of the streets and highways of the town, and shall make repairs of any damage that may be done to any part of the highway in connection with said installations or emergency repairs” and to act fully thereon.

**Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote that the term of office for the Highway Surveyor be three years instead of one year—said three year term to commence with the 1955 municipal year.

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) to purchase a new police cruiser and equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1952 Chevrolet cruiser now owned by the town, the sum received from said trade to be used toward the purchase of the new car and to act fully thereon.

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to purchase an ambulance for the Town to be operated and maintained by the Fire Department and to act fully thereon.

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a tool house and rest room in Brooks Park in Harwich and to act fully thereon.



**Article 69.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an additional tennis court adjoining the present one in Brooks Park in Harwich and to act fully thereon.

**Article 70.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a sidewalk along the north side of Wheeler and Doane Square in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

**Article 71.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase for park purposes the following described five parcels of land and the buildings thereon located in East Harwich: No. 1, Bounded northerly by Route #39; northeasterly by Henry Gomes; southeasterly by G. Nickerson et al; southwesterly by an old road and northwesterly by H. Gomes; No. 2, southerly by Route #39; northwesterly by E. M. Foster and land formerly of Bassett; northerly by owners unknown; easterly by William R. Burgess et al; southerly and easterly by a small cemetery; No. 3, southerly by Route #39; westerly and southwest-erly by William R. Burgess et al; northwesterly by formerly N. Doane et al; northerly, easterly, southwesterly and south-erly by Smalley's pond; northwesterly by Helen S. Kurtz; northerly, northeasterly, northerly, northeasterly by Queen Anne Road; easterly by Brewster Road, a county way, ex-cepting therefrom a town way leading from Route #39 to the easterly end of Buck's Pond. No. 4, southerly by Queen Anne Road; westerly, southerly and easterly by Eldredge Cemetery; southerly and southwesterly by Queen Anne Road; south- westerly by an old cartway; northwesterly by formerly Chris- topher Smith Jr., Samuel Small and Charles H. Taylor; north- easterly by heirs of Washington Eldredge and heirs of Rich- ard Cahoon; northwesterly by heirs of Richard Cahoon and Alfred Eldredge et al; easterly by unknown; northerly south- westerly by Alfred Eldredge; easterly by Brewster Road. No. 5, southerly by Queen Anne Road; southeasterly by Brewster Road; northeasterly by formerly Alfred Eldredge; southeast- erly by Joshua F. Higgins and being all the land shown on plan entitled "Plan of Lands in East Harwich, Mass. as sur- veyed or mapped for Herbert F. Winslow by A. L. Sparrow, South Orleans, Mass. 1926. Scale 1" equals 150 feet and be- longing now to G. Ronald Aluisy and Nicholas Aluisy as joint tenants under deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds book 782—page 321 and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in Treasury or by borrowing under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to act fully thereon.

**Article 72.** To see if the Town will adopt the following extension to the Protective By-Law for the Town of Harwich: To extend the Protective By-Law for the Town of Harwich adopted at the annual town meeting February 13, 1951, approved by the Attorney General's Office June 6, 1951, and made effective June 15, 1951 with extension amendments and changes adopted at the annual town meeting February 12, 1952, approved by the Attorney General's Office June 2, 1952 and made effective June 23, 1952 and with extension amendments and changes adopted at the annual town meeting February 10, 1953 approved by the Attorney General's Office April 8, 1953 and made effective June 3, 1953 to include those areas known as Harwich Center, North Harwich, Pleasant Lake and that portion of East Harwich not now covered as shown on a revised By-Law map to be filed with the Town Clerk. Said extension to operate under the rules and regulations of the present By-Law, and to make the following extension amendments to and changes in the Protective By-Law for the Town of Harwich.

Under Section 1 "Establishments of Districts"; delete the first paragraph and substitute the following: "Establishment of Districts: In accordance with Chapter 40 of the General Laws, Sections 25-30B and subsequent amendments thereto, the Town of Harwich is hereby divided into three types of Districts designated as (a) Commercial Districts, (b) Industrial Districts and (c) Residential and Agricultural Districts. Above districts are being located as shown on the Protective By-Law map for the Town of Harwich and is dated and filed with the Town Clerk. They are as follows:"

Under "(a) Commercial Districts", delete the first paragraph and substitute the following: "Commercial Districts shall extend not more than two hundred (200) feet back from the street lines at right angle with owners property actually facing the following streets:"

Delete paragraph "7" and substitute the following new paragraphs: "7. Harwich Center. Each side of Main Street from junction Sisson Road easterly to junction of Oak Street. 8. North Harwich. Each side of Main Stret from junction Depot Road easterly to junction of Bells Neck Road. 9. Pleasant Lake. Each side of Pleasant Lake Avenue beginning at the New Haven R.R., right of way in a northwesterly direction up the hill approximately three hundred (300) feet. 10. East Harwich. Each side of Route #137 from junction of Main Street (Queen Anne Road) in a northwesterly direction to junction of Cemetery Road; Also beginning at a point



approximately two hundred (200) feet south of the hard surfaced cross road near junction of Route #39 and Church Road, including all of the triangle at that point and both sides of Church Street and Route #39, along Route #39 in a northeasterly direction to the Town of Brewster line."

Delete "(b) Residential & Agricultural Districts" and substitute the following paragraph: "(b) Industrial Districts: Industrial Districts shall be located along the New Haven R.R. right of way in the following areas: North Harwich: Along the New Haven R.R. right of way from the Town of Dennis line easterly to a point approximately one thousand (1,000) feet distant. Harwich Center: Along the New Haven R.R. right of way from Lothrop Avenue easterly to a point approximately one thousand (1,000) feet east of Kelley Street not more than two hundred (200) feet back from the R.R. right of way on north side and on south side back to Great Western Road from Lothrop Avenue to road leading to the oil plant, then two hundred (200) feet back from R.R. right of way easterly to east boundary. (c) Residential and Agricultural Districts: Residential and Agricultural Districts to consist of all areas in the Town of Harwich not included in (a) Commercial Districts and (b) Industrial Districts."

Under Section 2 "Use Regulations", after paragraph 1 insert the following new paragraph: "1A. In Industrial Districts: Buildings, structures and premises may be used for any lawful manufacturing or ware housing business if not considered detrimental to health or injury to vegetation from fumes or waste and if authorized by the Board of Appeals after its approval of all plans for proposed construction and occupancy."

Under Section 3. "General", strike out paragraph (d) and insert the following new paragraph. "(d) The minimum area of lots with dwelling thereon shall not be less than seventy-five hundred (7,500) square feet and where more than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of land is available under the same owner the minimum shall not be less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet"; and to act fully thereon.

**Article 73.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the following changes in and amendments to the Building and Fire Prevention By-Law of the Town of Harwich adopted February 7, 1950, effective June 29, 1950:

Section 4, Paragraph 2—to insert at the beginning of the paragraph "Except in commercially zoned areas." Section 11



—delete the entire section 11 and substitute the following new section: “Section 11, Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals established under the Protective By-Laws for the Town of Harwich shall be the Board of Appeals for the Building and Fire Prevention By-Laws, said Board to act in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 25-30B as amended”; and to act fully thereon.

**Article 74.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the following changes in and amendments to the Building and Fire Prevention By-Law of the Town of Harwich adopted February 7, 1950, effective June 29, 1950:

Section 7—to strike out this section and insert the following three sections:

“Section 7, Footings: 1. All footings shall be poured concrete. 2. All footings under one story buildings shall be six inches thick and extend three inches each side of wall. 3. All footings under one and a half and not over two story buildings shall be eight inches thick and extend four inches each side of wall. 4. Under all lally columns or posts the footings shall be at least twenty inches by twenty inches and eight inches thick. 5. Under chimneys the footings shall project at least six inches and be at least eight inches thick.

“Section 7A, Foundations: 1. All foundations shall be of continuous masonry walls, exclusive of access openings, windows or vents. Minimum requirements to be as follows: 2. Six inch concrete for poured concrete supporting one story wood frame structure without basement. 3. Eight inch thickness for all other poured walls. 4. Eight inch thickness for all masonry unit walls which extend not more than eight feet below finish grade. 5. Twelve inch thickness for all masonry unit walls which extend more than eight feet below finish grade. 6. All areas under building must be accessible with a minimum clearance of at least twenty inches and ventilated in two exterior walls.

“Section 7B, Framing: 1. Where floor joists frame into side of wood girders, metal hangers or a bearing strip spiked to the girder must be used. 2. No bearing partition shall be more than two feet from main carrying girder. 3. Girders shall be at least six by eight or its equivalent. Space between bearing shall not be over eight feet. 4. Maximum span of floor joists—two by six-10 feet; two by eight-14 feet; two by ten-18 feet; two by twelve-20 feet. Floor joists shall be spaced at a minimum of sixteen inches on centers. 5. All floor joists shall be cross bridged using at least one of three

stock as follows: Span eight to fourteen feet—minimum one row; Span fourteen to twenty feet—minimum two rows. All floors in building used in whole or in part as dwellings shall be of double boarding. 6. All outside walls and bearing partitions shall be two by four studding set sixteen inches on centers. All plates on outside walls and bearing partition shall be two by four doubled. All openings in exterior or interior walls over four feet shall be trussed or timbered sufficiently to carry the load. 7. Rafters, minimum size: On buildings twenty-six feet wide or less two by six set not more than twenty-four inches on centers. On buildings over twenty-six feet to thirty feet wide two by eight set not more than twenty-four inches on centers and to act fully thereon.

**Article 75.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used in planting shade trees along town accepted ways under Chapter 87 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 76.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the purpose of making improvements to the stage switchboard and stage lighting in the Exchange Building Auditorium and to act fully thereon.

**Article 77.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase 500 chairs for the Exchange Building Auditorium and to act fully thereon.

**Article 78.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to buy and install a new chandelier for the auditorium in the Exchange Building and to act fully thereon.

**Article 79.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used by the Town of Harwich for its share of the cost of the 1955 State Census and to act fully thereon.

**Article 80.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the direction of the Selectmen for the promotion of public recreation and amusement in the form of athletics and to act fully thereon.

**Article 81.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for Band Concerts in the summer of 1954 and to act fully thereon.



**Article 82.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used under the direction of the Selectmen to properly celebrate and observe July 4, 1954 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 83.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to Bradford Gardner et ux Helen a certain parcel of land adjacent to his homestead bounded and described as follows: Northerly by Pleasant Street 20 feet; westerly by the Schoolhouse Parking Lot 100 feet; southerly by the Schoolhouse Parking Lot 20 feet and easterly by land of Bradford Gardner et ux Helen 100 feet and to act fully thereon.

**Article 84.** To see if the Town will vote to release all right, title and interest which it may have in Prospect Avenue and Beach Street in Harwich Port, and to instruct the Selectmen to convey by deed said Prospect Avenue and Beach Street for nominal consideration to the abutters of said ways; all necessary expense shall be assumed by the abutters. Said deed to the abutters to convey title to said ways from the midlines thereof to the abutters on each side and to act fully thereon.

**Article 85.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase the land and building located in Harwich Center owned by the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and the Cape Cod Trust Company for use as a Town Office Building with parking facilities more particularly described as follows: on the south by Main Street, on the east by Gershom D. Hall and Alfred H. Paine et ux, on the north by J. Howard Doane et ux and on the west by Harry B. Albro et ux and to act fully thereon.

**Article 86.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to renovate, alter, and equip for town offices the so-called Bank Building referred to in the preceeding article and to act fully thereon.

**Article 87.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Stabilization Fund established under Article 46 of the 1953 Annual Town Warrant and appropriate a sum of money therefore and to act fully thereon.

**Article 88.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the refunded Dog Tax for the support of Brooks Free Library and to act fully thereon.

**Article 89.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the 1954 tax rate and to act fully thereon.

**Article 90.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for unpaid bills of 1953 as provided for in Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 and to act fully thereon.

**Article 91.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balances of special appropriations to Surplus Revenue:

Purchase Police Cruiser	\$42.37
Control of Dutch Elm Disease	19.05
Planting shade trees	.11
Purchase new truck—Highway Dept.	60.00
Oiling & Hardening Queen Anne Road	.62
Widening & Hardening Gorham Road	6.50
Widening & Hardening Long Pond Drive	3.62
Improvement Channel Herring River	
West Harwich	10,000.00
Harbor Improvement, Dredging & Groin	
Work—Round Cove	30.00
Herring Brook Flume	260.61
Fill Water hole—Brooks Park	.37
Celebration of July 4th	9.34
Painting Standpipe—Brooks Park	832.00
Complete 6" water mains—	
Grey Neck Road	.66
Extension Water Main—	
Sequatucket Bluffs	3,394.24
Water Dept. Storage Building	.13
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	\$14,659.62

Hereof fail not and make returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of January 1954.

HOWARD C. CAHOON

ALTON E. WALKER

STEPHEN WEEKES

Selectmen of Harwich

A true copy:

Attest:

C. CONRAD NICKERSON, Constable



## Report of the Finance Committee

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Upon the resignation of Calvin Eldredge from the village of Pleasant Lake the moderator appointed Irvin Phipps for a term of three years and with the resignation of Thomas Wright from East Harwich and Hilliard Hopkins from North Harwich, the Selectmen met with the Finance Committee and appointed Dr. Carlton R. Crosby from East Harwich and Robert Stearns from North Harwich to serve until the annual town meeting of 1954.

Seven meetings were held throughout the year and the following transfers were made:

Reserve Fund Appropriation		\$8,000.00
June 26, 1953—Moth Department (For purpose of spraying pine trees)	\$300.00	
Sept. 4, 1953—Office Equipment	650.00	
Repairs to Public Bldgs.	300.00	
Oct. 30, 1953—Elections & Registrations	150.00	
Nov. 10, 1953—Moth Department (For purpose of conducting a survey relative to the Gypsy Moth)	250.00	
Dec. 1, 1953—Civil Defense (Worcester Tornado disaster—reim- bursed from City of Worcester)	718.16	
Civil Defense	23.55	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	
	\$3,391.71	\$3,391.71
		\$4,608.29

On November 16th the committee had authorized a transfer of \$262.74 to Aid to Dependent Children but it was found that such a transfer was not needed at that particular time.

Also a transfer of \$124.89 to the Park Department was disapproved on December 1st.

Several of our committee attended the State Association meetings that were held in Boston and much knowledge was derived.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Finance Committee for their faithful attendance and their conscientious manner of handling the requests as they arise.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL SIEBENMANN, Chairman



## Report of the Town Accountant

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Harwich, Massachusetts:

The Town Accountant herewith submits a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1953. Appreciation is expressed to the heads of the various departments for promptness in presenting bills and payrolls for payment.

### RECEIPTS

For Year Ending December 31, 1953

Taxes.

Prior Years:

Poll	\$22.00	
Personal Property	658.88	
Real Estate	16,036.38	
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Current Year:

Poll	\$1,792.00	
Personal Property	33,575.36	
Real Estate	365,493.68	
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\$417,578.30

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Prior Years	4,398.30	
Current Year	30,279.73	
	<hr/>	34,678.03

Tax Titles Redemption	1,002.66
Federal Withholding Taxes	20,310.46
Water Rates and Services	51,676.64

Accounts Receivable:

Old Age Assistance:

Reimbursement State	\$35,485.07
Reimbursement Cities and Towns	1,881.69

Aid to Dependent Children:

Reimbursement State	4,711.70
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Public Welfare:

Reimbursement State	2,244.61
Reimbursement Cities and Towns	2,288.61

Health Fund:

Reimbursement State	270.00
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Disability Assistance:			
Reimbursement State Administration		157.07	
Reimbursement State Aid		2,620.96	
Schools		5,744.59	
Veterans' Benefits:			
Reimbursement State		5,737.00	
		<hr/>	\$61,141.30
Public Welfare:			
Partial Reimbursement of Individual			166.43
Chap. 90—Highway Construction:			
1951—Contract No. 13487:			
Reimbursement State	\$1,430.38		
Reimbursement County	715.21		
	<hr/>	\$2,145.59	
Chap. 90—Highway Construction:			
1952—Contract No. 14042:			
Reimbursement State	\$5,324.60		
Reimbursement County	2,308.43		
	<hr/>	7,633.03	
Chap. 90—Highway Construction:			
1953—Contract No. 14520:			
Reimbursement State	\$6,132.75		
Reimbursement County	3,066.37		
	<hr/>	9,199.12	
Chap. 90—Bridge Construction:			
1953—Contract No. 14584:			
Reimbursement State		1,497.21	
		<hr/>	\$20,474.95
Federal Grants:			
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Administration	\$813.99		
Aid	6,200.33		
	<hr/>	7,014.32	
Old Age Assistance:			
Administration	\$2,228.68		
Aid	37,177.80		
	<hr/>	39,406.48	
Disability Assistance:			
Administration	\$253.29		
Aid	1,520.18		
	<hr/>	1,773.47	
		<hr/>	\$48,194.27
Sale of Elementary School Addition Bonds			430,000.00
Premium on Elementary School Addition Bonds	\$1,161.00		
Interest—Elementary School Addition Bonds	612.75		
	<hr/>		1,773.75
Licenses and Permits:			
Amusement		\$4.00	
Auctioneer		6.00	
Building		366.00	
Bowling		22.00	
Cabins		46.00	
Cesspool		15.00	
Dog (for County)		771.00	
Garbage		30.00	
Gasoline		16.00	
Innholder		56.00	
Junk and Rubbish		35.00	



Liquor	3,500.00	
Lodging-house	148.00	
Lord's Day	70.00	
Marriage	90.00	
Motor Vehicle—Classes 1, 2, and 3.	25.00	
Pistol	14.00	
Plumbing	266.00	
Shellfish:		
Commercial	\$295.00	
Resident	133.00	
Non-resident	61.00	
	<hr/>	489.00
Subdivision	5.00	
Sunday Movies	48.00	
Victualler	70.00	
All Others	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,106.00
State Grants:		
Income Tax	\$41,027.18	
Corporation Tax—Business	29,132.20	
Meal Tax—Old Age	1,786.03	
Marine Fisheries	850.00	
School Construction	3,724.45	
Vocational Education	370.47	
	<hr/>	\$76,890.33
Court Fines		10.00
Court House Rent		1,250.00
Library Fines		71.78
Rent of Room—Brooks Block		1.00
Sealer's Fees		139.20
Rent of Exchange Hall		15.00
Rent of Stores—Exchange Building		
J. F. Tobey & Son	\$600.00	
Donald T. Bates	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,200.00
Sale of Fire Pumper		176.00
Rental of Town Sprayer		58.75
Civil Defense—Worcester Disaster Fund		718.16
Reimbursement from Federal Civil Defense Agency		
for purchase of new pumper		5,637.50
Town Nurse Collections		661.25
Highways Miscellaneous		14.00
Rent of High School Auditorium		20.00
High School Miscellaneous		60.94
High School Lunch Account		7,588.14
Elementary School Lunch Account		16,055.71
High School Athletics		677.25
Sale of Voting Lists and Town Map		12.00
Director of Standards		48.00
Care and Killing of Dogs		32.50
Advertising		67.75
Barnstable County Dog Fund		615.33
Interest on Taxes		552.63
Charges and Fees on Taxes		34.72
Interest and Costs on Tax Titles		161.53
Interest and Costs on Tax Titles		161.53
Premium—Workmen's Compensation Insurance 1952		288.60

Miscellaneous receipts		40.20
Overpayment Barnstable County Retirement System		50.00
Refunds to Trust Funds:		
Income—Caleb Chase Charity Fund	\$183.00	
Income—Johnson-Ulm Scholarship Fund	50.00	
		<u>\$233.00</u>
Refunds to Appropriations:		
Purchase Police Cruiser	\$124.95	
Fire Department—Salaries	4.50	
Highways—General Repairs	2.59	
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal Grant	5.10	
Old Age Assistance—Town Fund	146.88	
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant	96.90	
School Department	68.29	
Insurance	23.39	
		<u>\$472.60</u>
Cemetery Bequests		250.00
Trust Funds Income:		
Caleb Chase Charity	\$693.62	
Henry C. Brooks Medal	29.40	
Johnson-Ulm Scholarship	1,825.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	801.25	
		<u>3,349.27</u>
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,210,555.93</u>
Cash Balance January 1, 1953		243,577.71
		<u>\$1,454,133.64</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

For year ending December 31, 1953

### General Government:

Moderator	\$100.00
Selectmen's Salaries	4,330.00
Selectmen's Clerk—Salary	2,400.00
Selectmen's Expense	493.07
Accountant's Salary	2,400.00
Accountant's Expense	210.91
Treasurer's Salary	1,980.00
Treasurer's Bond	215.50
Treasurer's Expense	688.29
Collector's Salary	2,780.00
Collector's Bond	330.00
Collector's Expense	997.29
Deputy Collector's Fees	30.00
Assessors' Salaries	3,600.00
Assessors' Expense	1,500.00
Assessors' Maps	3,021.00
Surveying Town Property	82.85
Boundstones	61.31
Relocation, Alteration and Layout of Town Ways	2,988.11
Law Department	700.00



Land Damages	8.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	800.00	
Town Clerk's Bond	5.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	91.11	
Elections and Registrations	1,536.29	
Office Equipment	1,142.04	
Finance Committee Expense	134.18	
Planning Board Expense	76.47	
Tax Titles Expense	16.23	
Exchange Building (Salary—\$2,620.00)	5,990.39	
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		\$38,708.04

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department Salaries	\$23,623.60	
Police Department Operating Expense	4,038.94	
Purchase New Police Cruiser	2,861.58	
Fire Department—Salaries	13,852.36	
Fire Department—Operating Expense	7,294.37	
Purchase Fire Hose	1,150.00	
Purchase New Pumper	17,000.00	
Moth Department	1,950.00	
Tree Warden's Salary	500.00	
Payment to Tree Warden for Services in 1952	508.13	
Forestry Department	800.00	
Repairs on Large Spraying Machine	344.68	
Control of Dutch Elm Disease	580.95	
Planting Shade Trees	499.89	
Spraying Pine Trees	288.29	
Sealer Weights and Measures	700.00	
Marine Fisheries—State	276.00	
Wire Inspector	900.00	
Life Guard at Beach	632.26	
Building Inspection (Salary \$2,200.00)	2,460.22	
Civil Defense	1,938.53	
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		\$82,199.80

**Health and Sanitation:**

Board of Health	\$2,450.00	
Town Dump	2,600.00	
Dental Clinic (Schools)	1,437.22	
Town Nurse	2,500.00	
Town Nurse Substitute	474.90	
Plumbing Inspection	1,090.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00	
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		\$10,652.12

**Highways and Harbors:**

Highway Surveyor's Salary	\$3,700.00	
Highways—General Repair	34,969.01	
Snow Removal	2,197.58	
Fences and Railings	597.39	
Bridges	537.59	
New Bridge—Lothrop Avenue	4,500.00	
State Aid to Bridge—Lothrop Avenue	365.82	
Purchase New Highway Truck	2,940.00	
Purchase New Tractor Loader	1,600.00	
Chap. 90—1951 Highway Construction	2,170.34	
Chap. 90—1952 Highway Construction	8,705.04	
Chap. 90—1953 Highway Maintenance	2,997.64	
Chap. 90—1953 Highway Construction	14,336.19	

Street Lights	10,177.54	
Oiling and Hardening Queen Anne Road	2,699.38	
Widen and Improve Gorham Road	2,993.50	
Widening and Hardening Long Pond Drive	3,996.38	
Accepting Layouts:		
Grey Neck Lane	35.00	
Earle Terrace	30.00	
Joe Lincoln Road	40.00	
Red River Road	40.00	
Victory Drive	35.00	
Ocean Avenue (South Harwich)	40.00	
Regrading and Hardening Town Landing		
Allen's Harbor	275.00	
Harbor Improvement—Dredging and		
Groin Work—Round Cove	970.00	
Seining Pool Construction	500.00	
Repairs—Town Docks and Floats	188.05	
		<hr/> \$101,636.45

**Charities and Veterans' Benefits:**

Board of Public Welfare	\$900.00	
Welfare Agent's Salary	2,240.00	
Social Worker's Salary	1,400.00	
Junior Clerk and Typist's Salary	1,220.00	
Welfare Expense	599.45	
Public Welfare	13,511.65	
Disability Assistance:		
Town Fund	3,552.20	
Federal Grant	2,172.48	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Town Fund	6,000.00	
Administration—Federal Grant:		
Salary—Welfare Agent	\$190.00	
Salary—Social Worker	200.00	
Salary—Junior Clerk Typist	185.00	
	<hr/> \$575.00	
Aid Federal Grant	7,614.34	
Old Age Assistance:		
Town Fund	45,146.88	
Administration—Federal Grant		
Salary—Welfare Agent	\$810.00	
Salary Social Worker	800.00	
Salary—Junior Clerk Typist	815.00	
Other Expense	153.15	
	<hr/> \$2,578.15	
Aid Federal Grant	44,793.55	
Free Bed	1,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits—(Salary \$1,200.00)	14,989.61	
		<hr/> \$148,293.31

**Schools and Libraries:**

School Committee	\$450.00
School Department	136,921.76
High School Lunch	7,250.12
Elementary School Lunch	16,699.51
High School Athletics	752.02
Vocational Education	253.90
For Use of Committee on	
Space Needs for Schools	2,100.00
Addition to Elementary School	37,801.54



Purchase of Land from H. J. Paine for School	1,000.00	
Purchase of Land from Bertha H. Chase for School	2,500.00	
Brooks Free Public Library	3,115.33	
Harwich Port Library	894.54	
Chase Library	900.00	
	<hr/>	\$210,638.72

**Recreation and Unclassified:**

Park Department	\$6,653.08	
Payment of 1952 Bills to Park Commissioners	378.00	
Fill Water Hole—Brooks Park	399.63	
Extending Parking Lot—Earle Road		
Relocate Drain Pipe	1,600.00	
Regrading, Hardening with Oil, New Wall, Bank St. Parking Lot	3,000.00	
Continued Hardening and Improvement— Schoolhouse Parking Lot, Harwich Port	3,674.00	
Extension of Hard Pavement Shore Road and Hard Surfacing for Parking Lot	2,000.00	
Erection of Comfort Station—Bank Street Beach Parking Lot	2,900.00	
Recreation—Baseball	500.00	
Band Concerts—Chatham Band	500.00	
Recreation Commission	3,733.48	
Repairs of Public Buildings	3,291.63	
Memorial Services and Armistice Day	440.30	
Town Reports	1,050.00	
Celebration on July 4th	990.66	
Cleaning Beaches and Repairs to Board Walks	901.21	
Beach Erosion	1,125.21	
Purchase Beach Land (Larkin Property) Uncle Venies Road	3,500.00	
Purchase Beach Land (L. Munro Property) Foot of Bank Street	4,000.00	
Planting and Purchasing Shellfish	547.13	
Propagation & Protection of Shellfish (Salary \$1,800.00)	2,217.15	
Propagation of Fish and Game	99.95	
Herring Committee	300.00	
Advertising	491.56	
Insurance	7,823.14	
Miscellaneous	495.94	
Unpaid Bills of 1952	1,400.40	
Cemetery Commission	934.43	
	<hr/>	\$54,946.90

**Water Department:**

Water Commissioners	\$300.00	
Water Maintenance and Operation	22,522.91	
Water Service Installations	9,453.90	
Water Extensions	3,550.93	
Painting and Repairing Elevated Water Tank	10,115.06	
Painting Standpipe—Brooks Park	1,668.00	
Complete 6-in. Water Mains—Grey Neck Road	1,199.34	
Water Main Construction	14,229.02	
Extension Water Mains—Sequatucket Bluffs	212.00	
Water Dept. Storage Building	271.42	
Water Survey	4,368.77	
	<hr/>	\$67,891.36

**Municipal Indebtedness:**

Retirement Water Bonds	\$7,000.00	
Interest on Water Bonds	490.00	
Retirement Elementary School Bonds	18,000.00	
Interest on Elementary School Bonds	5,380.00	
	<hr/>	\$30,870.00
Federal Withholding Taxes		20,310.46
Proceeds Dog Licenses for County		771.00
State Assesments:		
State Parks and Reservations		717.25
Cape Cod Mosquito Control		4,298.35
State Audit of Municipal Accounts		687.59
County Tax, Barnstable		55,639.32
Barnstable County Retirement System		2,789.57
Care and Killing of Dogs		32.50
Premium on Loan		1,165.53
Trust Funds Income:		
Caleb Chase Charity for Public Welfare		763.38
Henry C. Brooks Metal		29.40
Johnson-Ulm Scholarship:		
U. S. Government Bonds	\$875.00	
Scholarship	950.00	
Refund paid to Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,875.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care		801.25
Cemetery Bequests—Deposited in		
Cape Cod 5 Cents Savings Bank		250.00
Stablization Fund		
Deposited Wellfleet Savings Bank	\$15,000.00	
Deposited Bass River Savings Bank	15,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$30,000.00

**Refunds:**

Taxes:		
Poll—1953	\$4.00	
Personal Property—1953	131.20	
Real Estate—1953	233.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise—1952	73.20	
Motor Vehicle Excise—1953	533.09	
	<hr/>	\$974.77
Water Rates and Services		46.53

Total Payments	\$866,988.60
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953	587,145.04
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	\$1,454,133.64



# TOWN OF HARWICH

## Ledger Account of Appropriations and Miscellaneous Accounts

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1953	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1954
Moderator		\$100.00			\$100.00		
Selectmen's Salaries		4,330.00			4,330.00		
Selectmen's Clerk		2,400.00			2,400.00		
Selectmen's Expense		500.00			493.07	\$6.93	
Accountant's Salary		2,400.00			2,400.00		
Accountant's Expense		250.00			210.91	39.09	
Treasurer's Salary		1,980.00			1,980.00		
Treasurer's Bond		215.50			215.50		
Treasurer's Expense		700.00			688.29	11.71	
Collector's Salary		2,780.00			2,780.00		
Collector's Bond		330.00			330.00		
Collector's Expense		1,000.00			997.29	2.71	
Deputy Collector's Fees		100.00			30.00	70.00	
Assessors' Salaries		3,600.00			3,600.00		
Assessors' Expense		1,500.00			1,500.00		
Assessors' Maps	\$456.00	3,000.00			3,021.00		\$435.00
Surveying Town Property	82.85				82.85		
Boundstones		100.00			61.31	38.69	
Relocation, Alteration & Layout Town Ways	4.00	3,500.00			2,988.11		515.89
Law Department		700.00			700.00		
Settlement of Claims		300.00				300.00	
Land Damages		300.00			8.00	292.00	
Town Clerk's Salary		800.00			800.00		
Town Clerk's Bond		5.00			5.00		
Town Clerk's Expense		200.00			91.11	108.89	
Elections & Registrations		1,500.00		\$150.00	1,536.29	113.71	
Office Equipment		800.00		650.00	1,142.04	307.96	
Finance Committee Expense		150.00			134.18	15.82	

Planning Board Expense	300.00			76.47	223.53
Tax Titles Expense	100.00			16.23	83.77
Certification of Town Notes	10.00				10.00
Exchange Building	6,000.00			5,990.39	9.61
Police Dept. Salaries	24,900.00			23,623.60	1,276.40
Police Dept. Operating Expense	4,434.00			4,038.94	395.06
Purchase of New Police Cruiser	2,779.00			2,861.58	
Fire Dept. Salaries	13,850.00		124.95	13,852.36	42.37
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	7,299.00		4.50	7,294.37	2.14
Purchase of Fire Hose	1,150.00			1,150.00	4.63
Purchase New Pumper (Fire Dept.)	17,000.00			17,000.00	
Moth Department	1,700.00		250.00	1,950.00	
Tree Warden's Salary	500.00			500.00	
Payment to Tree Warden for Services in 1952	508.13			508.13	
Forestry Department	800.00			800.00	
Repairs on Large Spraying Machine	350.00			344.68	5.32
Control of Dutch Elm Disease	600.00			580.95	19.05
Planting Shade Trees	500.00			499.89	.11
Spraying Pine Trees			300.00	288.29	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	700.00			700.00	11.71
Marine Fisheries—State		250.00		276.00	
Wire Inspector	900.00		850.00	900.00	824.00
Life Guard at Beach	700.00			632.26	67.74
Building Inspection	2,500.00			2,460.22	39.78
Civil Defense	1,200.00		741.71	1,938.53	3.18
Board of Health	2,450.00			2,450.00	
Town Dump	2,600.00			2,600.00	
Dental Clinic—School	1,500.00			1,437.22	62.78
Town Nurse	2,500.00			2,500.00	
Town Nurse Substitute	500.00			474.90	25.10
Plumbing Inspection	1,850.00			1,090.00	760.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00			50.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00			50.00	
Highway Surveyor's Salary	3,700.00			3,700.00	
Highways—General Repairs	35,000.00		2.59	34,969.01	33.58



Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1953	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1954
Snow Removal		4,000.00			2,197.58	1,802.42	
Fences & Railings		600.00			597.39	2.61	
Bridges		600.00			537.59	62.41	
New Bridge—Lothrop Avenue		4,500.00			4,500.00		1,131.39
State Aid—New Bridge Lothrop Avenue			1,497.21		365.82		60.00
Purchase New Truck, Highway Dept.		3,000.00			2,940.00		
Purchase New Tractor Loader		1,600.00			1,600.00		
Chap. 90—							
1951 Highway Construction	3,706.06				2,170.34	1,535.72	
1952 Highway Construction	8,779.84				8,705.04	74.80	
1953 Highway Maintenance		3,000.00			2,997.64	2.36	
1953 Highway Construction		17,000.00			14,336.19		2,663.81
Street Lights		10,382.00			10,177.54	204.46	
Hardening Parking Area—Town Beach Pleasant Bay	500.00						500.00
Oiling & Hardening Queen Anne Rd.	2,700.00				2,699.38		.62
Widen & Improve Gorham Road		3,000.00			2,993.50		6.50
Widening & Hardening Long Pond Drive		4,000.00			3,996.38		3.62
Accepting Layouts:							
Grey Neck Lane		35.00			35.00		
Earle Terrace		30.00			30.00		
Joe Lincoln Road		40.00			40.00		
Red River Road		40.00			40.00		
Victory Drive		35.00			35.00		
Ocean Avenue—S. Harwich		40.00			40.00		
Regrading & Hardening Town Landing							
Allen's Harbor		700.00			275.00		425.00
Construction Bulkhead Town Landing—							
Allens Harbor		1,650.00					1,650.00
Dredging Wychmere Harbor	5,000.00	5,000.00					10,000.00
Improvement—							
Channel Herring River	10,000.00						10,000.00

Dredging Allen's Harbor	5,000.00				5,000.00
Harbor Improvement—Dredging and Groin Work—Round Cove	1,000.00			970.00	30.00
Herring Brook Flume—Long Pond		260.61			260.61
Seining Pool Construction		500.00		500.00	
Harbor Master	50.00				50.00
Repairs Town Docks & Floats	200.00			188.05	11.95
Board of Public Welfare	900.00			900.00	
Welfare Agent's Salary	2,240.00			2,240.00	
Social Worker's Salary	1,400.00			1,400.00	
Junior Clerk & Typist's Salary	1,220.00			1,220.00	
Welfare Expense	600.00			599.45	.55
Public Welfare	14,000.00			13,511.65	488.35
Disability Assistance:					
Town Fund	3,600.00			3,552.20	47.80
Adm. Federal Grant		265.56			518.85
Aid Federal Grant		827.00		2,172.48	174.70
Aid to Dependent Children:					
Town Fund	5,000.00			6,000.00	508.72
Adm. Federal Grant		269.73		575.00	646.03
Aid Federal Grant		2,054.94		7,614.34	
Old Age Assistance:					
Town Fund	45,000.00			45,146.88	
Adm. Federal Grant		2,656.45		2,578.15	2,306.98
Aid Federal Grant		10,712.28		44,793.55	3,193.43
Free Bed Account	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	15,000.00			14,989.61	10.39
School Committee	450.00			450.00	
School Department	136,855.00			136,921.76	1.53
High School Lunch		2,461.02		7,250.12	2,799.04
Elementary School Lunch		1,809.23		16,699.51	1,165.43
High School Athletics		100.51		752.02	525.74
Vocational Education	500.00			253.90	746.10
For use of Committee on Space for Schools	1,000.00			2,100.00	900.00
		3,000.00			

Accounts	Balances Appropriations Jan. 1, 1953	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1954
Addition to Elementary School	20,000.00	430,000.00		37,801.54		412,198.46
Purchase of Land from J.H. Paine for School	1,000.00			1,000.00		
Purchase of land from Bertha H. Chase for School	2,500.00			2,500.00		
Brooks Free Library	2,500.00					
	*615.33			3,115.33		
Harwich Port Library	900.00			894.54	5.46	
Chase Library	900.00			900.00		
Park Department	6,655.00			6,653.08	1.92	
Payment of 1952 Bills to Park Commissioners	378.00			378.00		
Fill Water Hole in Brooks Park	400.00			399.63		.37
Extending Parking Lot Earle Road						
Relocate Drain Pipe	1,600.00			1,600.00		
Regrading, Hardening with Oil, New Wall Bank St. Beach Parking Lot	3,000.00			3,000.00		
Continued Hardening & Improvement School House Parking Lot—Harwichport	4,500.00			3,674.00		826.00
Extension of Hard Pavement—Shore Rd. and Hard Surfacing for Parking Lot	2,000.00			2,000.00		
Erection of Comfort Station, Bank St. Beach Parking Lot	2,900.00			2,900.00		
Recreation—Baseball	500.00			500.00		
Band Concerts—Chatham Band	500.00			500.00		
Recreation Commission	3,740.00			3,733.48	6.52	
Repairs of Public Buildings	3,000.00		300.00	3,291.63	8.37	
Memorial Services & Armistice Day	500.00			440.30	59.70	
Town Reports	1,050.00			1,050.00		
Celebration on July 4th	1,000.00			990.66		9.34
Cleaning Beaches & Repairs to Board Walks	1,000.00			901.21	98.79	
Beach Erosion	2,000.00			1,125.21	874.79	
Moving Jetty Earle Road Beach	2,000.00					2,000.00



Extending and Repairing Jetty Pleasant St. Beach	1,500.00			1,500.00
Building Jetty Uncle Venies Road Beach	2,000.00			2,000.00
Pumping Sand on Bathing Beach Deep Hole Road	2,500.00			2,500.00
Purchase Beach Land (Larkin Prop.)				
Uncle Venies Road	3,500.00			3,500.00
Purchase Beach Land—Foot of Bank St.	4,000.00			4,000.00
Planting & Purchasing Shellfish	600.00		52.87	547.13
Propagation & Protection of Shellfish	2,400.00		182.85	2,217.15
Propagation of Fish & Game	100.00		.05	99.95
Herring Committee	300.00			300.00
Advertising	700.00		208.44	491.56
Insurance	8,000.00	23.39	200.25	7,823.14
Miscellaneous	500.00		4.06	495.94
Unpaid Bills of 1952	1,400.40			1,400.40
Cemetery Commission	1,000.00		65.57	934.43
Water Commissioners	300.00			300.00
Water Dept. Maintenance & Operation	26,590.00		4,067.09	22,522.91
Water Dept. Service Installations	10,000.00		546.10	9,453.90
Water Extensions	4,000.00	1,269.42		3,550.93
Painting & Repairing Water Tank Kildree Hill	11,000.00			10,115.06
Painting Standpipe—Brooks Park	2,500.00			1,668.00
Complete 6-in. Water Main—Grey Neck Rd.	1,200.00			1,199.34
Water Main Construction	15,000.00			14,229.03
Extension Water Mains—				
Sequatucket Bluffs	3,606.24			212.00
Water Dept. Building	271.55			271.42
Water Survey	5,994.37			4,368.77
Retirement of Water Bonds				7,000.00
Interest on Water Bonds				490.00
Retirement of Elementary School Bonds				18,000.00
Interest on Elementary School Bonds				5,380.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans				200.00
Purchase New Police Cruiser		**16.00		200.00
Complete Heating System—				16.00
Fire Station		**92.25		92.25
Purchase Highway Truck		**20.03		20.03

Accounts	Balances Appropriations Jan. 1, 1953	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1954
Grading, Surfacing & Catch Basins—						
Woodbine & Meadow Lanes	** .10				.10	
Grade & Repair Braddock Lane	**288.29				288.29	
Oil Town Landing—Wychmere Harbor	** 2.42				2.42	
Regrade, Repair, Surface, Flood Lights,						
Catch Basins Old School House	**88.20				88.20	
Parking Lot—Harwichport	**1,937.51				1,937.51	
New Elementary School						
Extensions Water Mains to						
Votapka Residence	**555.20				555.20	
	<u>\$70,537.66</u>	<u>\$505,035.18</u>	<u>\$3,391.71</u>	<u>\$745,836.70</u>	<u>\$18,940.80</u>	<u>\$476,573.41</u>

\* Transfer of County Dog Fund

\*\* Balances of Special Appropriations returned to Surplus  
Revenue by Town Vote February 11, 1953.

**TOWN OF HARWICH**  
**BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash		Sales of Real Estate Funds	\$3,422.75
Accounts Receivable:		Trust Funds Income:	
Taxes:		Caleb Chase Charity Fund	809.42
Levy of 1952,		State Grant:	
Personal Property	\$16.00	Marine Fisheries	824.00
Levy of 1953,		Federal Grants:	
Personal Property	563.20	Disability Assistance:	\$518.85
Real Estate	17,303.12	Administration	174.70
		Aid	693.55
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1953		Administration	508.72
Tax Titles	1,665.82	Aid	646.03
Tax Possessions	511.59		1,154.75
Premium on Loans		Old Age Assistance	
Departmental:		Administration	2,306.98
Old Age Assistance	1,304.94	Aid	3,193.43
Aid to Dependent Children	1,294.11		5,500.41
Welfare	688.40		
Schools	875.25		
		Revolving Funds:	
		High School Lunch	2,799.04
		Elementary School Lunch	1,165.43
		High School Athletics	525.74
			4,490.21
Water Rates and Services		Overestimates—1953	
Water Liens	2,631.84	Cape Cod Mosquito Control	.02
	86.76	County Tax	2,280.77
			2,280.79
State Aid to Highways Chap. 90	3,870.04	Unexpended Balances:	
County Aid to Highways Chap. 90	2,183.63	Appropriations	51,712.03
		Elementary School Addition	412,198.46



Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Underestimates, 1953:		Overlay Surplus	713.42
State Parks and Reseravtions		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Overlay Deficits:		Motor Vehicle Excise	2,664.30
Levy of 1952	40.00	Tax Titles and Tax Possesison	2,177.41
Levy of 1953	686.64	Departmental	4,162.70
		Water	2,718.60
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		Excess and Deficiency—Surplus Revenue	17,776.68
			17,776.68
			122,190.61
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			\$623,767.08
			=====
DEBT ACCOUNTS			
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		School Loans	\$690,000.00
		Water Loan	21,000.00
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			\$711,000.00
			=====
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS			
Trust and Investment Funds:		Caleb Chase Charity Fund	\$11,827.65
Cash and Securities		Brooks Free Library Funds	5,279.45
		Henry C. Brooks Medal Fund	1,215.66
		Johnson-Ulm Scholarship Fund	35,828.03
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	31,094.83
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	847.29
		Stabilization Fund	30,150.00
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			\$116,242.91
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Respectfully submitted,  
ALTHEA M. CHASE,  
Town Accountant

# Report of the Collector of Taxes

## 1953

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### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$706.88
Payments to Treasurer	\$658.88	
Abatements	32.00	
Transfer to Accounts Receivable	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$706.88

### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1953

Commitments as per Warrants		\$35,068.48
Refunds		131.20
		<hr/>
		\$35,199.68
Payments to Treasurer	\$33,575.36	
Abatements	1,061.12	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	563.20	
	<hr/>	\$35,199.68

### REAL ESTATE TAXES—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$100.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$100.80	
	<hr/>	\$100.80

### REAL ESTATE TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$16,261.98
Payments to Treasurer	\$15,935.58	
Tax Titles Taken	326.40	
	<hr/>	\$16,261.98

### REAL ESTATE TAXES—1953

Commitments as per Warrants		\$388,120.00
Refunds		233.28
		<hr/>
		\$388,353.28
Payments to Treasurer	\$365,493.68	
Abatements	5,091.52	
Added to Tax Titles	464.96	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	17,303.12	
	<hr/>	\$388,353.28

## POLL TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$30.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$22.00	
Abatements	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$30.00

## POLL TAXES—1953

Commitments as per Warrants		\$2,320.00
Refunds		4.00
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		\$2,324.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,792.00	
Abatements	532.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,324.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$87.45
Payments to Treasurer	\$46.07	
Abatements	41.38	
	<hr/>	\$87.45

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$1,975.49
Commitments as per Warrants		4,692.00
Refunds		73.20
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		\$6,740.69
Payments to Treasurer	\$4,352.23	
Abatements	2,388.46	
	<hr/>	\$6,740.69

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1953

Commitments as per Warrants		\$34,968.74
Refunds		533.09
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		\$35,501.83
Payments to Treasurer	\$30,279.73	
Abatements	2,557.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	2,664.30	
	<hr/>	\$35,501.83

## WATER LIENS 1952-1953

Commitments as per Warrants		\$86.76
Outstanding December 31, 1953	\$86.76	
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Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE V. NICKERSON,  
Collector of Taxes



## Report of the State Auditor

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Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Harwich for the period from February 15, 1952, the date of the previous examination, to March 21, 1953, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked and verified by comparison with the books of the treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the treasurer's records of payments.

The appropriations and loan authorizations were checked with the town clerk's record of town meeting proceedings and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee.

A trial balance was taken off, proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on March 21, 1953.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the departments

collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursements of town funds. The cash balance on March 21, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The transactions of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were verified, and the securities and savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The recorded payments on the account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the redemptions of tax titles were checked to the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the accountant's ledger, and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding at the time of previous examination as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked. The charges were verified, the payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The commitments of water rates and services were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise and water accounts was made by sending



notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, the town clerk and the building and plumbing inspectors were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the school and library departments, as well as from rentals of town buildings, were examined and checked and reconciled with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the cash accounts of the treasurer and tax collector, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, departmental and water accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit co-operation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

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## Report of the Registrars of Voters

The Board of Registrars of the Town submit their report for the year of 1953.

We now have a total of 2,332 Voters on our lists as follows:

1,269	Women	1,063	Men
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This is an increase of 52 over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEON S. CROWELL, Chm.

JOSEPH V. GAVIN

HELENA T. MAGUIRE

Registrars



## Report of the Water Department

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To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The Superintendent and Board of Water Commissioners submit for your approval the 17th Annual Report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Our records show 85 new services were installed during the year, making a total of 1618 water takers. Receipts amounted to \$51,676.64, an increase of \$4,000.00 over 1952. 115,280,750 gallons of water were pumped, with a maximum output on June 21 of 1,325,610 gallons. Despite the extremely dry weather of early summer, water takers were not restricted, although the pumping facilities were taxed to capacity, showing the necessity for an expansion plan in the near future. This fact is emphasized in a report by Whitman & Howard, Engineers, of Boston, who have made an extensive survey of the water supply. Their report is being sent to all water takers.

A contract was entered into with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company to replace existing tower rods with hot-dipped galvanized rods. After the completion of this work, bids were advertised for the painting of the Elevated Water Tank on Kildee Hill and the Standpipe at Brooks Park. Bids were received from General Painting & Maintenance Corporation of Boston, and Roy O. Leonard of Framingham. The contract was awarded to the latter who was the low bidder. The outside of the tanks were given a preliminary spot-coat and a finish coat of gray. This work was started in September, and favorable weather made possible early completion. Work on both projects was most satisfactory. Later the interiors of both tanks were cleaned and all rust removed by our maintenance men.

This year three sections of main on Lower County Road were completed, with the money appropriated at last year's Annual Town Meeting. It is essential that the remaining gaps be tied in to make this a complete loop in case of a break on Route 28.

We also wish to bring to the attention of the townspeople the importance of completing the loop on Sisson Road, which

would provide more water and maintain a higher level in the Elevated Water Tank for fire protection.

Maintenance work included routine inspection of hydrants and any repairs in the system where necessary. Gate valves were checked and road boxes raised to grade. For protection at night or in the event of a heavy snowstorm, markers were made and placed beside each hydrant. During the year both Diesel Engines were overhauled and worn parts replaced.

Late in February the department was saddened by the untimely passing of its foreman, Henry I. Coulson, a valued employee for many years. His dependability, his loyal and efficient service, and his pleasing personality are greatly missed by all who worked with him.

In conclusion we wish to express our appreciation to our staff of employees for their co-operation and faithful performance of duty.

Appended is a summary of the 1953 records:

#### Service Connections

Taking Water December 31, 1953	884	
Seasonal Takers shut off	681	
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Total Services Used, 1953		1565
Services Not Used, 1953		53
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Total Service Connections		1618

#### New Service Installations

	¾"	1"	1¼"	1½"	2"	6"	Total
New Services Installed—							
	35	42	5	2	1	none	85
Length in feet	2097'	3106'8"	582'	265'	202'2"	none	6252'10"
Average length per service—							
	59'10"	73'8"	116'5"	132'6"	202'2"	none	73'6"
Average charge per service							\$72.91
Cost to Department per foot							\$1.16

#### Miles of Mains by Sizes

	10"	8"	6"	2"	1½"	1¼"	1"	Total
Total 1952	6.07	7.73	11.44	5.42	.53	.35	.02	31.56 Miles
1953 Added	none	.49	.22	.60	.06	.03	none	1.40 "
1953 Total	6.07	8.22	11.66	6.02	.59	.38	.02	32.96 "

#### Hydrants

1952 Total	177
1953 Added	3
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1953 Total	180



**1953 Main Line Construction**

	Kind of Pipe	Size	Length
Willow Street	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	316'
Off Park Street	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	579'
Wychmere Knoll Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	147'
Victory Drive	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	594'
Clifford Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	166'
Pleasant Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	236'
Hudson Lane	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	427'
Great Western Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	615'
Edgewood Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	2"	62'
Off Shore Road	C.L. Wrought Iron	1½"	307'
Lower Bank Street	C.L. Wrought Iron	1¼"	156'
Lower County Road	C.L. Cast Iron	8"	2512'
Grey Neck Road	C.L. Cast Iron	6"	417'
Doane Road	C.L. Cast Iron	6"	766'
			Total 7,300'

**Water Consumption**

January	2,798,510	July	24,053,590
February	2,594,570	August	20,731,900
March	4,871,900	September	11,216,700
April	4,667,960	October	6,016,230
May	6,265,490	November	4,078,800
June	23,962,950	December	4,022,150

Total Gallons Pumped—115,280,750

Pumped to metered ratio	83%
Average Daily Consumption	315,838 gals.
Largest Monthly Consumption—July	24,053,590 gals.
Largest Weekly Consumption—ending June 30	7,477,800 gals.
Largest Daily Consumption—June 21	1,325,610 gals.
Hours of operation—Fairbanks Diesel	1,144 hrs., 05 mins.
Hours of operation—Sterling Diesel	1,561 hrs., 55 mins.
Hours of operation—Gasoline	4 hrs., 25 mins.
Total Hours of Operation	2,710 hrs., 25 mins.

**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS ENDING DEC. 31, 1953****Commitments**

1951 Balance Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$6.94	
1951 Collections made in 1953	6.94	
1951 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953		None
1952 Balance Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$2,623.37	
Less Water Liens Added to Taxes, 1953	37.41	
	2,585.96	
1952 Collections made in 1953	2,536.86	
1952 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953		\$49.10



1953 Commitments	51,850.74	
(Includes \$46.53 in Refunds)		
Less Refunds and Abatements	85.81	
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	51,764.93	
Less Water Liens added to Taxes, 1953	49.35	
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	51,715.58	
Less 1953 Collections	49,132.84	
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1953 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953		2,582.74
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Total Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953		\$2,631.84

#### Analysis of Receipts

Minimum Charges	\$34,404.24	
Excess Water	9,646.44	
Service Connections	7,338.07	
Miscellaneous	287.89	
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Total 1953 Collections		\$51,676.64
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$51,676.64

#### Expenditures

Retirement of Bonds	\$7,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	490.00	
Maintenance & Operation		
Administration	\$7,932.04	
General	9,527.33	
Pumping Station	5,063.54	
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	22,522.91	
Service Installations	9,453.90	
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Total 1953 Operating Expenses		\$39,466.81

#### SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

##### Water Main Extension

Payments	\$3,550.93	Appropriation	\$4,000.00
Bal. to 1954	1,718.49	Bal. from 1952	1,269.42
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	\$5,269.42		\$5,269.42

##### Sequatucket Bluffs

Payments	\$212.00	Bal. from 1952	\$3,606.24
Bal. to Revenue	3,394.24		
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	\$3,606.24		\$3,606.24

<b>Storage Building</b>			
Payments	\$271.42	Bal. from 1952	\$271.55
Bal. to Revenue	.13		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$271.55		\$271.55
<b>Water Main Construction</b>			
Payments	\$14,229.03	Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Bal. to 1954	770.97		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
<b>Water Survey</b>			
Payments	\$4,368.77	Bal. from 1952	\$5,994.37
Bal. to 1954	1,625.60		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$5,994.37		\$5,994.37
<b>Grey Neck Road</b>			
Payments	\$1,199.34	Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Bal. to Revenue	.66		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
<b>Painting Standpipe</b>			
Payments	\$1,668.00	Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Bal. to Revenue	832.00		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
<b>Painting &amp; Repairing Elevated Water Tank</b>			
Payments	\$10,115.06	Appropriation	\$11,000.00
Bal. to 1954	884.94		
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	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CAHOON  
 NORMAN O. NICKERSON  
 FRANCIS J. HIBBERT

Board of Water Commissioners

JOHN K. DONNELLY

Superintendent and Collector

## Report of the Police Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Harwich, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

I hereby respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year 1953.

### General Routine

Complaints received and investigated	507
Lost or stolen property reported	\$5,773.55
Lost or stolen property recovered	\$4,573.55
Missing persons reported and acted upon	2
License revoked or suspended	53
Auto accidents investigated	
Property Damage	43
Personal Injury	16
Fatal Accidents	1
First class Auto Dealers reports filed	51
Second class Auto Dealers reports filed	5
Individual Auto transfers filed	247
Defects in street lights reported	35
Summer Homes and Cottages inspected monthly	1300
Buildings found open and reported to owners	115
Number of escorts furnished	75
Requests for Special Officers	225
Accidental drowning	1
Suicide	1
Fires attended	55
Rescue runs attended	47

### Trips Out of Town by Cruiser

Boston City Hospital	1
Boston Police Department	4
Cape Cod Hospital	7
Falmouth Police Department	1
Hyannis Police Department	6



Barnstable House of Correction	8
Barnstable Superior Court	11
Provincetown Second District Court	20
Taunton State Hospital	13
Yarmouth	23
West Hartford, Connecticut	1
Miles covered by Cruisers	60,165
Miles covered by Chief's Car	2,300

#### Court Cases

Operating to Endanger	26
Operating under the Influence	13
Drunk	55
Breaking and Entering in the night time	12
Larceny	21
Grand Larceny	7
Assault and Battery	10
Operating without a license	2
Operating after license expired	1
Operating with defective equipment	1
Operating uninsured Car	1
Leaving the scene of accident	2
Unnatural act and Lascivious act with male child	1
Furnishing and delivering Beer to Minor	1
Attempted Rape	2
Shellfish Violation	3
Warrants served	18
Summons served	55
Confined to the Lockup	80

The efficiency and morale of the members of the Police Department is excellent at this time, and the cooperation between the Chief and the men is at its best again this year.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Board of Selectmen, the members of the Finance Committee, and all other departments and their personnel for the fine cooperation and assistance they have extended this past year.

On behalf of the members of the Harwich Police Department I thank all the Citizens of the Town of Harwich for their fine spirit and cooperation in helping to make this Town one of the outstanding communities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CONRAD NICKERSON,

Chief of Police

## Report of Sealer of Weights and Measurers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town of Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit my *twenty first* annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1953- *1954*

Tested	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Con-demned
<b>Scales</b>				
Platform 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		1 <i>1</i>		
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs.	15 <i>15</i>	22 <i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>
Counter under 100 lbs.	4 <i>6</i>	6 <i>7</i>	1 <i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Spring 100 lbs. or over	2 <i>5</i>	3 <i>2</i>		<i>4</i>
Spring under 100 lbs.	18 <i>16</i>	19 <i>12</i>	3	1 <i>4</i>
Computing under 100 lbs.	22 <i>24</i>	24 <i>25</i>	1	1 <i>1</i>
Personal weighing		6 <i>5</i>		<i>1</i>
Prescription	1	3 <i>3</i>		<i>1</i>
<b>Weights</b>				
Avoirdupois	30 <i>42</i>	63 <i>53</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12</i>
Apothecary		52 <i>52</i>		
Metric		25 <i>25</i>	10 <i>10</i>	
<b>Volumetric Measures</b>				
Liquid 1 gal. or less		21 <i>18</i>	2 <i>6</i>	8 <i>19</i>
Dry measures		3 <i>3</i>		3
<b>Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices</b>				
Meters 1 in. Inlet	25 <i>24</i>	43 <i>35</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
Vehicle Tank meters	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	2	
Bulk Storage meters	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	2 <i>2</i>	
Kerosene Pumps		10 <i>10</i>		<i>1</i>
Grease Measuring Devices		10 <i>10</i>		1
<i>Quantitative measures</i>				
<b>Linear Measures</b>				
Yard sticks		8 <i>8</i>		2 <i>2</i>
Total	<u>117</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>
	<i>134</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>57</i>

118.25

Money received from Sealing Fees	\$124.20
Money received from Transient Vendors' Local License Fees	15.00
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	132.25 \$139.20
Paid Town Treasurer	132.25 \$139.20
Money returned to Treasurer by Director of Standards for Pedlers' License Fees	40.00
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Total	173.25 \$179.20

Inspections made of Pedlers' Licenses	6	4
Inspections made of Transient Vendors' Licenses	1	1

## Other Inspections

Milk Jars	6	10
Coal Certificates	5	3
Bread	115	115
Food packages	140	135
Transient Vendors	1	1
Clinical thermometers	44	42
Pedlers Scales	4	3
Junk Scales	1	1
Retest of Gasoline devices after sealing	13	13
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Total	336	295

## Trial Weighing and Measurements of Commodities sold or put up for sale

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Bread	30	40
Butter	22	25
Coal in Transit	1	1
Confectionary	12	16
Dry Commodities	30	20
Flour	32	20
Fruit and Vegetables	30	34
Grain and Feed	5	4
Meat and Provisions	20	20
Potatoes	27	32
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Total	209	
Coal in Transit re-weighed	Lbs. 2,000	200

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR S. RYDER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

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## Report of the Veterans' Agent

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To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

Beyond any comparison the year 1953 has been the most active in the history of this Department. Because of the advancing ages of the World War I veterans it is natural to expect that there should be more and more necessity for hospital demands, and the nearly 200 Korean participants from this little community has produced many new and perplexing problems. It has necessitated many hours of extra time to properly execute the applications for the Massachusetts Korean Bonus alone, but this has been a pleasant duty and a profitable one for the Town because more than \$20,000 has been circulated since September by these deserving cases. This Department has also assisted in Educational and Insurance problems and in several instances we have aided in obtaining G. I. loans and new homes for our Harwich veterans. We are grateful to the splendid cooperation of the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and to Mr. George Marble in this respect. In fact, having intimate knowledge of experiences of veterans in other cities and towns throughout Massachusetts we salute our local Bank as among the most friendly in the Commonwealth. The town also was happy to officially welcome home a POW, and through the cooperation of the Red Cross and Miss Grace Crory in particular, we were able to assist in the return of a Japanese wife and baby of another Harwich Korean soldier.

Although the Korean campaign has brought about these new and interesting problems, the case load of the other wars has also increased. During the year we investigated 37 new cases but were able to close nearly one half of these through various sources. Service connection was established in some cases and Part III Non-service connected cases were permanently alleviated by the V.A. direct. Others were closed due to workmen's compensation awards and insurance benefits. Also during the year one case was closed as a direct result of the determination of the veteran to rehabilitate himself and he

is now entirely on his own, is earning his own living and is grateful to the Town for affording him the opportunity to recuperate and be self supporting. The V.A. has approved fourteen cases as entitled to pensions or compensation and this removes further responsibility of the town to aid these cases.

This Department has received prompt cooperation from the V.A. in obtaining several compassionate transfers and hardship discharges during the year and this sympathetic attention to our presentations is greatly appreciated especially by the parents of the veterans involved.

Again the doctors of Harwich have given freely of their time to assist in the emergency cases requiring hospitalization and the filing of the important 10-P-10 forms. They have responded at all hours of the day and night and in one case even 4 a.m. did not bring any complaints at being disturbed at such an hour. This Department also wishes to acknowledge the kindly and intelligent advice received at all times and in all cases by our tireless and faithful visiting nurse, Miss Adelyn Peabody. Her assistance and cooperation has saved the town many dollars for which we express our deep appreciation and where we do office work, make recommendations to the State and personally make investigations of each case, her aid is almost indispensable.

The expenses of the Department are broken down as follows: For medical and hospital cases \$3,183.36; Emergency Food Orders \$1,712.50; Burial expense, \$100.00; O.B. (Ordinary Benefits) \$7,427.00 which is for the State approved budget covering such items as Food, Fuel, Rent, Insurance, Clothing, etc. It may be of interest to the voters to know that this O.B. assistance is for families in which there are 53 children involved. All the above items afforded direct benefits to the veterans and their dependents.

Administrative costs include: \$1,200.00 salary of agent; \$222.16 telephone; \$1,112.92 office expense and travel for investigations; and \$31.61 Miscellaneous including photostats of discharges. We have on file a photostatic copy of each and every Form 214 for all Korean veterans. We also have on hand a few originals together with receipts for bonus applications which, although are in safe keeping we would recommend that the veteran call for same as these are very important papers.

The office is open at all times and much service is rendered evenings, Sundays and holidays and we are always glad



to cheerfully assist any veteran. We are on constant duty and the telephone is Harwich 390. In conclusion let us salute the veterans for their patriotic attitude in all cases, especially those we are obliged to reject. We enjoy serving them, and rejoice with them that the horizon now looks brighter than in several years, with total peace an optimistic possibility. We recognize the harmonious relations and support of the Welfare Department, the Selectmen and all Department heads for their efforts to offer jobs when available for those who are able and anxious to earn a living rather than accept aid. We also thank Philip Carey the State authorizer, and the office of the Commissioner on Beacon Hill, throughout the years for their splendid cooperation and assistance in all Harwich cases. With 20% of the total population now veterans and 81% of all homes now having veterans or their dependents involved, it is necessary for complete unity and we are happy to report this Department has always received it. May 1954 be a year of prosperity, health and happiness for all veterans of this patriotic community.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. ALBRO,  
Veterans' Agent

## Report of the Inspector of Wires

The following inspections were made for added wiring, change-overs from 2 to 3 wire, new construction and contractors' services, in the Town of Harwich, for the year ending December 31, 1953. In addition to these official inspections, I have made many other calls with electricians to look over work to be done and given advice as to what should be done, both at home and on the job. That time probably would amount to around 50 hours.

Location	Estimate	Time	Inspections
West Harwich	\$15,435	112 hrs	103
Harwichport	8,585	50	69
Harwich	3,760	33	36
South Harwich	3,325	29	26
East Harwich	1,290	19	17
Pleasant Lake	1,725	9	8
North Harwich	780	8	7
Totals	\$34,900	260 hrs	266

Respectfully submitted,

BRADFORD L. BARRETT  
Inspector of Wires



## Report of the Highway Surveyor

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To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

I hereby submit my report for year of 1953.

An unusual amount of patching and maintenance work was necessary again this year. Many of our roads have been seal coated, besides several new roads to build and maintain. Gravel roads have been scraped and graded several times, brush cut and mowed in different sections of town, drains cleaned and repaired, catch basins installed where needed. Wooden and cement posts have been painted and replaced where needed. This kind of work is continued each year. Street signs have been repaired and replaced.

Each year our town takes on more roads to build and maintain and as we do not have the required equipment to do the necessary work, it has caused my department to do considerable hiring of outside equipment this past year. I have asked (for my department) for two pieces of machinery which would be a great saving to the Town, to own, as the need will be greater each year.

I would like to thank all Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON P. HALL

Highway Surveyor

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### General Repairs

Appropriation		\$35,000.00
Labor	\$16,642.85	
Gas & Oli	1,747.15	
Seal Coating Material	5,883.26	
Cape & Vineyard	60.86	
Telephone Co.	168.02	
Fuel	281.74	
Office Supplies	21.83	
Grader	1,054.50	
Bull dozer	1,627.00	

Roller	40.00	
Hiring of Trucks	400.00	
Equipment and Repairs	1,512.98	
Materials	5,104.20	
Signs	422.03	
		<u>\$34,966.42</u>

Balance		\$33.58
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#### Snow Removal

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Labor	\$796.38	
Hiring of Trucks	277.50	
Equipment	1,123.70	
		<u>\$2,197.58</u>

Balance		\$1,802.42
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#### Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Labor	\$586.20	
Hot Mix	241.15	
Stone	930.56	
Trucks and Roller	312.50	
Seal Coating	927.23	
		<u>\$2,997.64</u>

Balance		\$2.36
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#### Long Pond Drive

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Labor	\$1,732.95	
Equipment and Materials	1,608.00	
Sand and Loam	137.50	
Seal Coating	517.93	
		<u>\$3,996.38</u>

Balance		\$3.62
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#### Gorham Road

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Labor	\$835.13	
Equipment	508.00	
Materials	32.20	
Seal Coating	1,618.17	
		<u>\$2,993.50</u>

Balance		\$6.50
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	<b>Queen Anne Road</b>	
Appropriation		\$2,700.00
Labor	\$501.46	
Equipment	392.00	
Materials	166.00	
Seal Coating	1,639.92	
	<hr/>	\$2,699.38
Balance		.62
	<b>Fences and Railings</b>	
Appropriation		\$600.00
Labor	\$265.65	
Materials	331.74	
	<hr/>	\$597.39
Balance		\$2.61
	<b>Bridges</b>	
Appropriation		\$600.00
Labor	\$96.30	
Materials	441.29	
	<hr/>	\$537.59
Balance		\$62.41

## **Report of the Planning Board**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year the Planning Board has approved fifteen different subdivisions of property, all of which have been reviewed and passed upon by the representative of the Board of Health. Several Public Hearings have been necessary to act on subdivisions, following which regular meetings of the Board would be held to act on preliminary plans and other board matters. A meeting was held with two representatives each from the Garden and Women's Clubs. This meeting proved to be of real value for general discussion of Town improvements.

The Board sponsored the extension of the Harwich Protective By-law to the Pleasant Bay area of East Harwich which was adopted at the last Town Meeting. This year the Board is sponsoring an article for the extension of this By-law to the remaining portion of Harwich, namely, Harwich Center, North Harwich, Pleasant Lake, and the remaining area of East Harwich. A Special Public Meeting was held in Exchange Hall Dec. 4th at 8 P.M. to discuss the details before



the article was prepared for the warrant for the coming Town Meeting.

The Board has been disappointed in not being able to report completion of all the work on beaches voted at the last Town Meeting, but the change in our state administration held up the approval for their work on the jetties. Through the assistance of Senator Stone, one jetty was completed by the State from the Erosion Fund. The jetty is at the foot of Deep Hole Road, and a large quantity of sand was trucked in to build up the beach again. This work is at the west end of the planned area and the Board feels that the Town is entitled to more better-built and higher jetties to build up the badly eroded beach of this important area. With the help of our Selectmen and Representative it is hoped that this work can be carried forward in the early Spring so as to be ready for the Summer visitors.

During the year new legislation was passed which became effective Oct. 2nd with entire revision of chapter 41 G.L., sec. 81A to 81Y inclusive, under which the Board operates. The Board learned after several interviews that without our Building Code, Health Board Rules, and Protective By-Law in the areas covered, it would not effect our subdivision rules and regulations to any great extent. An article was submitted to the Cape Cod Standard Times explaining this detail, which they published Nov. 23, 1953 under the caption "Information to Sub-dividers of Property in Harwich".

The Board wishes to again confirm their appreciation of the splendid cooperation received from the Town Departments, also, to all the citizens who have been most helpful in making our work effective.

The following is a report of the expenditures for the year:

Appropriation		\$300.00
Advertising Hearings and By-Laws	\$34.35	
Printing & Equipment	42.12	76.46
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Unexpended balance to revenue		\$223.53

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. JOHNSON, Chairman  
 ESTHER A. STIDSTONE, Clerk  
 R. B. SNOW  
 E. W. DYBING  
 ROSWELL H. NYE  
 Harwich Planning Board

## Report of Recreation Advisory Council

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The third annual report of the Recreation Advisory Council indicates a year of progress and growth due to the efforts of a corps of tireless enthusiastic volunteers. About 200 men and women in all age groups have attended 384 classes in basic color and design, bird carving, block-printing, ceramics, furniture decoration, leathercraft, rug-hooking and braiding, oil painting, portraiture, sculpture, stencil-tole painting, photo and water-color. We would like to emphasize the fact that these classes are entirely self-supporting; approximately \$1,500.00 have been received and paid out to instructors.

In addition to these classes, the Advisory Council initiated two professional art exhibits as well as the annual showing of classwork. And, with even greater success, it continued and expanded the Junior Theatre.

The first Winter Exhibition of Cape Cod artists and sculptors, sponsored by the Arts and Crafts Department, was held in February. The 5-day show created widespread interest, evidenced by the attendance of well over 800 from all parts of the Cape and as far away as Boston. About one quarter of the visitors were children brought by teachers and Scout leaders.

More than a score of Cape artists, many of them well known in national and international art centers, loaned paintings, sculpture, mobiles and pottery.

The third annual exhibit of Arts and Crafts classes was held in May. On display were a variety of hand-crafted articles, paintings and carvings of high competence, all from the classes held at the Recreation Building.

A summer Art Exhibit, featuring paintings in oil and water color by Cape artists, was open to the public for two weeks in July. Over 300 attended this show sponsored by the Recreation Council in conjunction with the Cape Cod Art Association.

From ably-directed Junior and Senior Baton Classes, held at the Recreation Building, moppet twirlers and teenagers strut their stuff. Class fees of \$163.50 were received and paid to the instructor.

The Men's Volley-Ball League and the Youth's Basketball League, promoted by the Athletic Committee, have grown steadily in popularity indicated by the number of enthusiastic participants.



Sponsored by the Recreation Council, the Harwich Junior Theatre completed its second successful season in a round of glory. Although born and housed in Harwich, the only theatre on Cape Cod producing children's plays exclusively, is a Cape-wide project. Representing many sections of the Cape and several states, summer and winter residents have worked together in the development of a true community theatre and non-profit organization.

To stage a production successfully, both acting and stage crews are essential and to this end at least 206 volunteers have helped during two seasons. Six plays have been presented at 14 performances. The premiere audience of 400 increased to 1341 at the final productions of **Treasure Island**, with a grand total just under 3500 for the second season.

The Harwich Junior Theatre started on a shoestring, is entirely self-supporting, depending upon revenue from paid admissions to finance the cost of production which also includes the services of the Director—and on the generosity of the Community for much-needed costume materials and props of every description. \$1,526.78 was received from the sale of tickets for the second season and the same amount has been expended.

For clarification, we may add that the Harwich Junior Theatre is **Not Just a Summer-Time Project!** The Director and the Harwich Junior Theatre Committee work and plan the year 'round and also search for and read new plays. The activities of the Director, acting and costume crews began in the spring with a skit presented in the schools of this district, for publicity and advance season ticket sale. During that week children were permitted to purchase tickets at a reduced rate. Then followed a fifteen-week intensive program when the Director spent 16 hours a day, seven days a week, on the thousand and one details essential to a successful production.

It was our good fortune to secure the volunteer services of a competent apprentice experienced in Children's Theatre. In return for her time, she, together with all the members of the crew, received valuable training that could only be duplicated in an expensive theatrical school. Residence for the apprentice was included in the cost of production.

To round out the Theatre program, a class in Creative Dramatics was added this summer.

It is interesting to note that the Council also initiated and took part in a Halloween celebration for the wee ones, up to and through the 5th grade, which was ably carried on by the Junior Woman's Club.



As a resident of Harwich, **you** are a member of the Council, which meets the Second Wednesday of each month, at 8 P. M., in the Recreation Building.

Officers for this year include: President, Corwin Perisho; Vice-president, Miss Adelyn Peabody; Secretary, Mrs. Alice Champion Morris; Treasurer, Herbert C. Moran.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE CHAMPION MORRIS,  
Secretary.

## Report of the Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my Annual Report as Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Number of Permits issued	171
Number of Permits cancelled	2
Total Permits	169
Number of Inspections	615
Mileage covered in 1953	4,340
Permits listed as follows:	
Year round Dwellings	83
Summer Cottages	12
Camps	1
Motels	2
Commercial Buildings	7
Garages	4
Additions and Alterations	60
Estimated cost of New Construction—\$866,100.00	
Appropriation for 1953	\$2,500.00
Salary and Expenses	\$2,460.22
Payments	2,460.22
Balance to Revenue	\$39.78
Paid Town for Permits	\$366.00

Respectfully submitted,

WINSLOW B. SAWYER  
Building Inspector

## Report of the Playground and Recreation Commission

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The Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission present its annual report to the townspeople with pleasure and a feeling of pride in the accomplishments of the past year.

The term recreation implies a multitude of activities depending on the age and tastes of the participants. For some time, many people have been deluded as to the purposes of our Commission, feeling that it is a general give-away program which strips the tax payers of hard earned dollars. We have tried as far as possible to make activities—particularly for adults—self-supporting. The object is not to replace the home as a center of recreational activities, but to give those who desire it some hobby, craft or sport with which to enrich family life. Thus many mothers and fathers have enjoyed classes in the arts and crafts sponsored by the Harwich Recreation Advisory Council, and held in the building maintained by the Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission. Boys and girls have participated in organized sports, play and craft work which in turn have given new direction to their lives. We cannot begin to compute the many benefits an active recreation program gives to the community, but letters in our files show that winter and summer folks alike appreciate the “extra attractions” Harwich offers. Later in this report is a general breakdown of the monies spent by the Commission which will clarify for the townspeople the purposes of the Commission.

Our duties are three-fold. First, we provide the facilities for recreational pursuits for all people in Harwich. Second, we initiate or give financial help to new activities when the need arises. Our third task—although more nebulous—is not the least important. It consists of overall planning for the future.

We would be remiss indeed in our duty if we did not point out the need for more land for recreational purposes. We are not the first and undoubtedly will not be the last to emphasize that with the growth of the town, less and less land remains available for public use. And with the addition of each new home, the need for planning for future playground uses becomes more apparent. As the Town lacks such an area, the Playground and Recreation Commission, after careful study, finds that such areas, properly located in the



center of the school population, have rapidly disappeared from the market except for a suitable acreage north of Brooks Park. Therefore, an article will be presented for the peoples' consideration at the February 1954 Town Meeting that the Town purchase this acreage for recreational purposes. Its development would be on a long term plan, guided by the desires and demands of the people.

During this past year, the Harwich Recreation Building has housed many activities including Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub and Sea Scouts, classes of all descriptions, play rehearsals, whist parties and other social gatherings, elections, art exhibitions, and many other meetings. The great percentage of the money allotted to the Commission goes toward the fuel, lights, and custodial services needed to maintain this building. Throughout 1953, 16,212 people used the building to the extent of 885 rooms, as against 665 rooms used in 1952 by 14,870 people. This is a remarkable growth since the inception of Harwich recreation in 1950.

During the winter, the Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Harwich Recreation Advisory Council sponsored a part time sports program for both adults and children. On Monday nights, volleyball and basketball were enjoyed by adults at the High School, and Saturday mornings were devoted to basketball teams made up of boys of Junior High School age.

This past summer saw the continuation of the athletic program under the direction of Mr. David Bailey. During nine weeks Mr. Bailey taught swimming to various classes in the mornings and devoted his afternoons to tennis, golf, and baseball school. These classes were open to all winter and summer residents of Harwich, and proved to be an even greater success than during the previous year. The swimming classes were particularly popular with the youngsters who enjoyed instruction in everything from swimming fundamentals to Junior Life Saving certificates.

Due to many requests, we again sponsored for four weeks, the Village Play School under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Ford and Mrs. Asenath Jensen. This provided a worthwhile organized activity for any of the younger members of our community who wished to join the happy games, craft work and play which Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Jensen so capably supervised. Volunteers from the community gave valuable time in instructing the youngsters in art work and dish gardening. The final day of school was a gala occasion for the children as they showed their masterpieces, in arts, crafts, and gardening to their parents and friends and gave a spirited performance of the old favorite "Robin Hood."



The following figures give the 1953 expenditures of the Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission.

Custodian Services	\$1,627.00
Custodian Expenses	210.72
Electricity	195.60
Telephone	62.09
Water	24.00
Fuel	454.05
Rubbish Removal	29.50
Village Play School—Salaries	225.00
Equipment	12.52
Athletic—Salaries	582.50
Equipment	41.03
Administration	12.07
Furniture & Fixtures	257.40
Returned to Revenue	6.52

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\$3,740.00

Number of rooms used in the Harwich Rec. Bldg. 885

Number of persons using the Harwich Rec. Bldg. 16,212

As in the past, the Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission is most grateful to the Harwich Recreation Advisory Council which is composed of volunteers from the community. It is this group which is responsible for the many **self-supporting** activities and makes it possible for Harwich to have a recreation program which is the equal if not the better of many communities which spend thousands of dollars more a year to subsidize classes and other recreational programs. We're proud of the community spirit the Council evidences and hope that all the taxpayers in Harwich may gain from the attached report a clearer idea of the functions of this group. It must be emphasized that the Harwich Recreation Advisory Council is a **volunteer** organization and the figures given in their report are **not** a part of the funds voted to the Playground and Recreation Commission.

Too often we cannot say "thanks" to the many, many volunteers that have contributed to the recreation program as a whole and the Commission wishes to do so now. Our gratitude goes, too, to the selectmen and members of other town committees who have given us so much help.

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE F. BASSETT, Chairman

PRISCILLA D. BALDWIN, Sec.

RAYMOND H. GRAYSON

VIRGINIA S. DOANE

H. MORRISON MITCHELL

Harwich Playground and  
Recreation Commission

## Report of the Park Commission

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The increasing use of the Parks in Harwich by an ever-growing number of people is evident each year. In review we mention new projects accomplished and new ones planned. The tennis court was flooded with the cooperation of the Fire Department and used when weather permitted by the youngsters. The rail fence around Brooks Park was extended and roses planted on it. A fence was also put along the bank at the edge of the ball field. The ball field was improved by re-grading and seeding. The extremely dry weather in June, along with the lack of sufficient water, caused us to lose some of the new grass. We plan an extension of the water so that this can be taken care of. Painting of the stand seats and flagpoles was accomplished. Re-grading of the tennis court and part of the parking area around it was done. The steady increase in the use of the tennis court by the summer visitors makes it necessary to plan the addition of another court. New tape and posts were installed in the old one.

A large area was cleared in the Earl Road Park for picnic purposes. The Harwich Rotary Club installed one picnic table here and one at Bank Street beach. More clearing is planned at Earl Road. A policeman was maintained at Bank Street beach this past summer. The selectmen will maintain this in the future.

The water hole in Brooks Park was filled in by the Highway Department. Grading and seeding was done by the Park Department from the special appropriation for that purpose. We now have a beautiful spot for picnics and games. More picnic tables were added here and a fireplace is planned. The Welfare Department cooperated with us, and we used men without work last winter to clear several acres of brush from the woodland in Brooks Park. A total of 37 eight-hour days was thus made use of with Welfare Department funds. In return we employed them for several weeks in the spring on the ball park with Park Department funds.

The nursery started last year was enlarged, and we have some shrubs and trees growing for future use. New signs were erected directing people to the Long Pond beach and Earl Road beach. Hardening was added to the area at Long Pond to enlarge the parking area. A picnic table was added here and became very popular. We plan to add more here.



Tulip bulbs have been planted in nine memorial squares. Evergreens were added to four memorial squares. Shrubbery donated by the Harwich Garden Club was planted in Wheeler and Doane Park. Flower beds were maintained in Brooks and Doane Parks.

A Fourth of July celebration was held at Brooks Park as well as several band concerts and many ball games by the Town team, the High School league, and the Pony League. Summer coaching of baseball, volley ball, tennis, and many other games was carried on by the Recreation Commission. Several hundred people made use of the picnic area here. This brings us to one of our greatest needs—a tool house and rest rooms. With hundreds of people using the Park daily during the summer we need rest rooms. There is no adequate place to store the tools for the Park Department. We are, therefore, inserting an article in the Town Warrant for consideration for this need.

We wish to thank the citizens, the Highway, Welfare, and other Town Departments for their cooperation this year.

### EXPENDITURES

Special appropriation		
Brooks Park water hole		\$400.00
Machine hire, labor, materials	\$399.63	
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Balance to revenue		\$.37
Appropriation		\$6,655.00
Material	\$1,651.25	
Labor	3,906.53	
Water	36.00	
Truck and Machine Hire	950.00	
Mowing machine repair	100.46	
Electricity	8.84	
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		\$6,653.08
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Balance		\$1.92

### Expenditures as to Parks

Brooks Park		
Tennis court and parking area	\$603.95	
Nursery	222.15	
Park	981.46	
Picnic area	315.97	
Ballfield	2,868.60	
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		\$4,992.13



Bank Street Parking Lot	858.70
Wheeler and Doane Park	187.60
Earl Road Park	190.61
Long Pond Park	172.48
10 Other Memorial Parks	251.56
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	\$6,653.08

Respectfully submitted,

REGINALD P. KENDALL

EMULOUS HALL, JR.

WILLIAM CHASE

Park Commissioners

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## Jury List

Baker, Channing N.—Farmer	South Harwich
Cahoon, Walter E.—Caretaker	Harwich Port
Carter, Alfred T.—Business man	West Harwich
Crowell, Cleon S.—Retired	Harwich Port
Dakin, Marion H.—Housewife	Harwich Port
Davis, David M.—Business man	Harwich Port
Doble, Charles F.—Retired	Harwich Port
Dreher, Raymond C.—Retired	Harwich Port
Fournier, Elizabeth G.—Housewife	West Harwich
Hall, Mervyn A.—Retired	North Harwich
Leadbetter, Edna M.—Housewife	Harwich Center
Maguire, Helena T.—Housewife	Harwich Center
McLean, Frank W.—Retired	Harwich Center
Munsey, Roger W.—Contractor	East Harwich
Petersen, Harold R.—Retired	Pleasant Lake
Phipps, Irvin R.—Retired	Pleasant Lake
Raneo, John S.—Carpenter	Harwich Center
Roderick, Edmund D.—Caretaker	Harwich Center
Thompson, Biddle R. Jr.—Farmer	Pleasant Lake
Trowbridge, Alfred F.—Business man	South Harwich
VanBuskirk, Lothian I.—Retired	Harwich Port
Welt, Milton H.—Artist	South Harwich
Wiggin, Philip G.—Retired	Harwich Center

## Report of the Moth Department

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I herewith submit my annual report as Pest Control Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1953.

I am sorry to report that while the Tent Caterpillar and Fall Webworm have been on a slight decrease, the Gypsy Moth was more prevalent than at any time since the large aerial spraying program of 1949. Because of a small outbreak of these pests in May, three hundred and twenty acres of heavy wood land had to be sprayed by airplane. The cost to the town for this work was one hundred and six dollars and forty cents. The State Department of Conservation paid the balance of approximately two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the first of July, thirty five moth traps furnished by the U.S.D.A. were set in the different parts of the town, as recommended by the State. Each trap was visited at least twice a week, for a period of two months. A total of twenty two male gypsy moth millers were caught as compared with last year's catch of only two. This large increase of trapped millers was about the same in every town on the Cape. The State now has every reason to believe that this condition was caused by the Worcester tornado on June 9, or that a reinfestation of the gypsy moth may be taking place in some part of Barnstable county.

Only by thorough scouting of the many acres where these millers were caught, can we positively determine if such a reinfestation has occurred, and on November 10 the finance committee, on the recommendation of the State Department of Natural Resources transferred two-hundred and fifty dollars to be used for this work. A total of five-hundred acres of heavy underbrush were examined, but not one fertile egg cluster was found. This work must be continued at a later date.

The Dutch Elm Disease has at last become a serious threat to our large Elm trees. In 1952 the nearest towns to Harwich having this disease were Falmouth and Sandwich, but in July of this year, it was reported Orleans had eleven cases of this, the most dreaded of all tree diseases.

During the Spring, I received many calls from residents of East Harwich who were very much concerned about the dying appearance of pine trees in that part of town. This condition was caused by a new worm called a Pine Needle Miner. A representative from the State Department of Forestry was called, and he recommended a spraying of D.D.T.,

but as there were no funds appropriated for this work I contacted the Selectmen who were very much interested. Through their fine cooperation and of the finance committee, three hundred dollars were transferred to the Moth Department to cover the cost of this spraying. The results were very good.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CAHOON

Moth Department

Moth Department		
Appropriation		\$1,700.00
Transferred from reserve fund to be used in scouting for egg clusters		250.00
Total		<hr/> \$1,950.00
Gypsy Moth		
320 acres sprayed		
Labor	\$711.46	
Transportation	127.83	
Truck hire	12.00	
Airplane hire	106.40	
Telephone	6.81	
Insecticides furnished by State	000.00	
Total		<hr/> \$964.50
Tent Caterpillar		
Labor	\$360.44	
Truck hire	126.00	
Transportation	13.46	
Insecticides	66.06	
Gasoline & oil for sprayer	24.00	
Supplies	47.07	
Total		<hr/> \$637.03
Misc. spray (oakworm, etc.)		
Labor	\$85.90	
Truck hire	38.25	
Insecticides	25.24	
Gasoline & oil for sprayer	11.77	
Total		<hr/> \$161.16
Fall Webworm		
Labor	\$50.00	
Transportation	15.00	
Total		<hr/> \$65.00



Repairs on sprayer		
Labor	\$39.55	
Transportation	12.50	
Sprayer parts	63.60	
Machine shop	2.80	
Telephone	3.86	
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Total		\$122.31
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Total Expenditures		\$1,950.00

#### Control of the Dutch Elm Disease

Appropriation		\$600.00
Removing dead wood from elm trees		
One dead elm tree removed		
Labor	\$308.73	
Truck hire	66.00	
Transportation	8.00	
Power saw	12.00	
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Total		\$394.73
Spraying elm trees		
Labor	\$120.80	
Truck hire	55.50	
Transportation	6.00	
Supplies	2.25	
Postage on samples	1.67	
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Total		\$186.22
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Total Expenditures		\$580.95
Carried over to 1954		19.05
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		\$600.00

#### Repairs on Large Sprayer

Appropriation		\$350.00
Labor	\$42.50	
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co. pump repairs	302.18	
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Total		\$344.68
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Total expenditures		\$344.68
Carried over to 1954		5.32
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		\$350.00

### Spraying Pine Trees in East Harwich

Transferred from reserve fund		\$300.00
Labor	\$139.20	
Truck hire	87.00	
Insecticides	48.00	
Gasoline & oil for sprayer	14.09	
Total		\$288.29
Total expenditures		\$288.29
Returned to revenue		11.71
		\$300.00

### Report of the Plumbing Inspector

To the Board of Health  
Town of Harwich, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for 1953:

Estimated Cost of Plumbing		\$135,269.00
Turned in to Treasurer of the Town		\$263.00
Total Permits issued		263
Dwellings	232	Inns 4
Recreation	1	Restaurants 3
Laundry	1	Stores 3
Motels	2	Clubs 2
Duplex	1	Comfort Station 1
Guest Houses	6	Dental Lab. 1
Hotel	1	Apartment 1
	Garage 1	
Inspections by Inspector		331
Inspections by Asst. Inspector		119

There has been a decrease in permits issued due to less new construction.

Respectfully submitted,

COURTENAY N. CHASE

Plumbing Inspector

## Report of the Forestry Department

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I herewith submit my annual report as Tree Warden for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The demands of this department during the year have been the same as usual, except there was no damage to our shade trees because of severe winds. Money that ordinarily was spent on this type of work was used in the feeding, and care of the younger trees set out by the town, and I can truthfully say this was the first year this has been possible.

The number of dead trees taken down have increased some-what. Nineteen of these trees were on the edge of town roads, and had become very dangerous to vehicles, or anyone walking under them. Of this number there were three silver poplar, two maples, five oak, and nine pine.

During this coming year three large silver poplars on Pine Street in the camp ground will have to be pruned of all large limbs hanging over the road, or be taken down. These trees although they are living, are now on such an angle they may fall in the street at any time.

The Selectmen gave this department written permission to use a piece of town owned land at the rear of the highway department building. This land is now being used to take care of new trees on their arrival, and a shade tree nursery for this department. The soil is very good for this purpose except poison ivy is very plentiful. We now have growing several hundred red pine, and spruce, and several hundred large native linden, and maples. With shade trees as expensive as they are, I do hope this work can continue.

A total of forty-three Maples were set out, and cared for during the year. They were set out in different parts of the town as follows: Harwich Center, fifteen; Harwichport, twelve; East Harwich, four; North Harwich, three; West Harwich, four; South Harwich, four; and Great Western Road, one. These trees were set out in locations having the best soil, and in a few years they should be able to more or less care for themselves. This coming year if money is appropriated for more shade trees I do hope the planning board, and myself can get together on the locations. I don't know what their plans on roads are.

I want to thank everyone for their co-operation throughout this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CAHOON

Tree Warden



**FORESTRY DEPARTMENT**  
**(Tree Warden)**

Appropriation		\$800.00
Removal of dead trees		
19 dead trees removed		
Labor	\$146.95	
Truck hire	133.50	
Power saw	65.82	
Supplies	30.65	
Telephone	3.17	
Misc.	9.75	
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Total		\$389.84
Trimming trees		
Labor	\$36.80	
Truck hire	36.00	
Supplies	32.29	
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Total		\$105.09
Feeding & care of trees		
Labor	\$120.12	
Truck hire	110.25	
Fertilizer, etc.	29.94	
Telephone	1.46	
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Total		\$261.77
Nursery		
Labor	\$25.30	
Truck hire	18.00	
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Total		\$43.30
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Total expenditures		\$800.00

**PLANTING SHADE TREES**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Labor	\$93.14	
Truck hire	72.75	
Norway maples (32)	314.50	
Fertilizer, etc.	19.50	
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Total expenditures		\$499.89
Carried over to 1954		.11
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Total		\$500.00

## Fourth of July Celebration

1953

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Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Fire Works Display	\$750.00	
Band Concert	150.00	
Orchestra for Block Dance	50.00	
Labor for setting up display	8.00	
Lumber for display	22.02	
Labor to clean staging	4.60	
Paper for decorations	1.21	
Oil cloth for sign	4.83	
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	\$995.28	
Balance to reserve	9.34	
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Total		\$1,000.00

Staging loaned by Harwich Lumber Company, Inc.

Trailer for Block Dance loaned by Bud McKenney

Sign painted by Milton Welt

Much time and labor given free by Roger Munsey, Francis B. Larkin, Postmaster and Charles A. Hall, Fire Chief.

### Fireworks Committee

Francis B. Larkin, Chairman

Charles A. Hall, Fire Chief

Conrad C. Nickerson, Police Chief

Marshall Sieberman, Jr.

Milton Welt

Tim McKenney

Roger Munsey

Wayne Robinson

Selectmen

Howard Cahoon

Alton Walker

Stephen Weeks

C. Morey, Secretary

## Fire Department and Forest Warden's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and to the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

I hereby respectfully submit the annual report of the  
Fire Dept. and Forest Warden's Dept. for the year 1953.

### Personnel

Rank	Name	Address	Years Service
Chief	Charles A. Hall	West Harwich	Seven
Dep. Chief	Arthur H. Chase	Harwich	Thirty-six
Dep. Chief	Fred T. Young, Jr.	Harwichport	Twenty-four
Capt. (Rescue Squad)	Sheldon Thayer	South Harwich	Six
Capt. (Charge of Equipment)	Thomas Egan	West Harwich	Seven
Capt. (Mechanic)	William Fratus	Harwichport	Six
Capt. (Drillmaster)	Herbert Clapp, Jr.	Pleasant Lake	Eleven

### Ladder #1

Lieutenant	Brenton I. Wixon	Harwich	Seven
Ladderman	Samuel J. Arsenault	Harwichport	Four
Ladderman	Leon C. Our	Harwichport	Seven
Ladderman	Russell Ritchie	Harwich	Two
Ladderman	Eugene Winston	Harwichport	Thirteen
Ladderman	Douglas Gardner	Harwichport	Two
Ladderman	Charles Barrett	Harwichport	Two
Ladderman	Douglas Witherell	Harwich	Four

### Engine #2

Lieutenant	Arthur P. Doane, Jr.	Harwich	Seven
Hoseman	John Daluze	Pleasant Lake	Seven
Hoseman	Alfred B. Higgins	East Harwich	Four
Hoseman	Edward Shaw	Harwichport	Four
Hoseman	Emulous E. Hall, Jr.	Harwich	Seven
Hoseman	Alfred T. Carter	West Harwich	Six

### Engine #3

Lieutenant	Roger Munsey	East Harwich	Seven
Hoseman	B. Harold Eldredge	Harwichport	Seven
Hoseman	Lovell Ernst	Harwich	Two
Hoseman	Clayton E. Chase	Harwich	Eight
Hoseman	Robert Greenough	Harwich	Two



**Engine #4**

Lieutenant	John Alden Ellis	North Harwich	Six
Hoseman	Allin P. Thompson	Harwich	Three
Hoseman	James Miller	West Harwich	Five
Hoseman	Kenneth F. Coulson	Harwich	Five
Hoseman	Harold Peterson	Pleasant Lake	One
Hoseman	Charles Folsom	Harwich	One

**Dispatchers**

Mrs. B. Harold Eldredge	Harwich Port
Mrs. Madeline Eldridge	Harwich Port
Mrs. A. Preston Doane	Harwich
Mrs. C. Douglas Gardner	Harwich Port
Mrs. Lovell Ernst	Harwich
Mrs. Charles A. Hall	West Harwich

**Life Members**

Mr. John Condon	(Ex-Forest Warden)	Harwich
Mr. George Moody	(Ex-Fire Chief)	North Harwich
Mrs. George Moody	(Ex-Dispatcher)	North Harwich
Mr. William C. Chase	(Ex-Fireman)	Harwich Port
Mr. Francis Nickerson	(Ex-Fireman)	Harwich Port
Sgt. G. Norman Ostby	(Ex-Fire Chief)	Harwich
Sgt. Charles Pratt	(Ex-Fireman)	Harwich

**Town of Harwich Insurance Rating**

- (1) Property subject to minimum rates: (Grade D)  
 (2) Specifically rated property: (7th Class)

**Statistics**

- (1) Total number of fire and rescue alarms answered:

NORTH HARWICH	Fire - 8	Rescue - 11	Total - 19
EAST HARWICH	Fire - 9	Rescue - 12	Total - 21
SOUTH HARWICH	Fire - 17	Rescue - 6	Total - 23
WEST HARWICH	Fire - 42	Rescue - 21	Total - 63
HARWICH PORT	Fire - 26	Rescue - 39	Total - 65
HARWICH CENTER	Fire - 19	Rescue - 22	Total - 41
PLEASANT LAKE	Fire - 11	Rescue - 6	Total - 17
OUT OF TOWN	Fire - 1	Rescue - 12	Total - 13
	<hr/> Fire - 133	<hr/> Rescue - 129	<hr/> Total - 262

- (2) Total hours of service at alarms:

FIRE	147 hours	37 minutes
RESCUE	291 hours	4 minutes
Total	<hr/> 438 hours	<hr/> 41 minutes

- (3) Total miles covered answering alarms:

FIRE	615 miles
RESCUE	4779 miles
Total	<hr/> 5394 miles

## (4) Total number of alarms answered by:

A. Ladder No. 1 .....	33
B. Engine No. 2 .....	91
C. Engine No. 3 .....	13
D. Engine No. 4 .....	17
E. Engine No. 5 .....	47
F. Rescue No. 1 .....	162

## (5) Total number of fire and rescue alarms by type:

A. Building	25
B. Woods and Brush	22
C. Grass	18
D. Chimney	4
E. Electrical	3
F. False or Needless	5
G. Vehicle	6
H. Dump	13
I. Investigations	19
J. Civil Defense Tests	1
K. Service	15
L. Boat	1
M. Out of Town	1
N. Rescue:	

(1) Auto and Pedestrian accidents	19
(2) Maternity	6
(3) Suicides and attempted	1
(4) Dead on arrival	2
(5) Drownings	1
(6) Home, play and work accidents	11
(7) Surgical	1
(8) Medical	70
(9) First aid at fire station	3
(10) Lost Boats	1
(11) Dragging operations	2
(12) Worcester Disaster Area	4
(13) Out of Town	8

Total	262
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## (6) Trips to various hospitals with Rescue Truck:

A. Cape Cod Hospital	108
B. Barnstable County Sanatorium	8
C. Camp Edwards Hospital	1
D. Providence Veterans	1

Total	118
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(7) Total Acres of woodland burned	15.7 acres
(8) Total acres of grassland burned	6.3 acres
(9) Deaths attributed to fires	None
(10) Total number of Gas and Oil Storage inspections made	658
(11) Total number of Gas and Oil Storage permits issued	206
(12) Total number of Open Air Permits issued:	754
(13) Estimated value of property involved:	

Buildings	\$487,600.00
Contents	159,450.00
Vehicles	1,500.00

Total	\$648,550.00
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## (14) Estimated damage to property involved:

Buildings	\$7,470.00
Contents	1,950.00
Vehicles	25.00

(Gross Fire Loss) Total	\$9,420.00
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**1953 Appropriations and Budget**

Account		Trans. to other Accts.	Trans. fr other Accts.	Ex- pended	To Revenue
Fire Chiefs Salary	\$3,700.00			\$3,700.00	
Perm. Firemen Salary	6,000.00			6,000.00	
Call Firemen Salary	4,150.00			4,147.86	\$2.14
Equip & Supplies	2,364.00	\$17.94		2,346.06	
Radio & Maintenance	833.00	\$9.70		819.06	4.24
Telephone	269.00		\$22.19	291.19	
Electricity	280.00		68.48	348.48	
Town Water	26.00	1.61		24.00	.39
Heating Fuel	644.00		46.29	690.29	
Vehicle Maintenance	2,800.00	103.46		2,696.54	
L.P. Gas	83.00	4.25		78.75	
	<u>\$21,149.00</u>	<u>\$136.96</u>	<u>\$136.96</u>	<u>\$21,142.23</u>	<u>\$6.77</u>

**Special Accounts****NEW TRUCK ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$17,000.00
Expended	17,000.00
	<u>.00</u>

**HOSE ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$1,150.00
Expended	1,150.00
	<u>.00</u>

The unusual character and severity of the fires and other emergencies facing the nation's fire service, is being written in the daily fire department reports, and in the nation's press from coast to coast. It is something that must have more serious consideration by the fire service and townspeople.

At the risk of being repetitious I quote a truism which helps drive home the point. Whether reviewed from the standpoint of peacetime or wartime emergencies, the fact should be self evident that in any serious emergency no matter whether man made, fire, explosion, train wreck, or "act of God" such as tornado, flood, earthquake, the first agency to be called upon for help is the fire service. The fire service is expected to respond, without delay, with all necessary equipment, and trained personnel to cope with the situation.



The people of this town have supported us in our plan, to prepare this department to cope with any situation by supporting our requests for equipment and manpower. We have a good start, but steady growth and improvements must continue, to enable us to be prepared for all emergencies.

This year I am requesting another permanent man, who is needed to carry on the Oil and Gas Installation Program set up by State Law. This is a program which must be carried on diligently, not only because it is a State Law, but because of the protection it provides for the homeowner from questionable installers, and the great reduction in the possibilities of fire, or explosion from these installations. He would also provide some relief from the long hours worked by the present two men, who now work seventy-seven and eighty-four hours per week.

The article for the ambulance has been inserted in the Town warrant by request of many townspeople, who, either through actually using the Rescue Truck as an ambulance in an emergency, or, having talked with people who know the situation that now exist in regards to its use as an ambulance. Mainly its riding qualities. To understand the problem, one must understand the difference between a Rescue Truck and an Ambulance. A Rescue Truck is a piece of equipment designed to carry the many necessary tools needed for rescue operations, which by the very nature and number of these tools must be on a truck chassis. An Ambulance, as you all know, is a vehicle specially designed to transport the seriously ill, or injured, in a safe, speedy and most important, comfortable manner, so as not to aggravate the injury or illness. The Harwich Fire Association realizing the need, for a Rescue Truck purchased one, with many contributions from their friends. Through necessity it has been used more and more as an Ambulance. We now feel that it has proven its value and need, so wish your support for a real Ambulance.

I wish to thank all the men and women of the department for their cooperation given me since my appointment as Acting Fire Chief; to the members and Chiefs of other towns, and to the citizens of Harwich, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HALL, Acting Chief  
Harwich Fire Department

## Report of the Welfare Department

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To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

With an average case load of 130 per month, including all categories of relief for the year 1953, the following report of money expended shows a total of \$122,791.00 for aid rendered and receipts of \$94,012.05. Administration shows a total of \$9,512.60 expended and receipts of \$3,453.03.

<b>Total Expenditures Welfare Aid</b>	<b>\$122,791.00</b>
<b>Welfare:</b>	

Outside Poor (16)	\$6,820.20
Harwich Cases, Other Towns (9)	2,004.33
Poor Other Towns (5)	1,544.24
State Cases (7)	3,142.88

Total (37 cases aided)	\$13,511.65
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**Old Age Assistance:**

Paid from Town Fund	\$45,000.00
Paid from U.S. Federal Fund	44,940.33

Total (118 cases aided)	\$89,940.33
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**Aid to Dependent Children:**

Paid from Town Fund	\$6,000.00
(\$1,000.00 transfer from Reserve Fund.)	
Paid from U.S. Federal Grant	7,614.34

Total (15 cases aided)	\$13,614.34
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**Disability Assistance:**

Paid from Town Fund	\$3,552.20
Paid from U.S. Federal Grant	2,172.48

Total (4 cases aided)	\$5,724.68
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<b>Total Receipts Welfare Aid:</b>	<b>\$94,012.05</b>
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O.A.A. U.S. Federal Grant	\$37,177.80
A.D.C. U.S. Federal Grant	6,200.33
D.A. U.S. Federal Grant	1,401.28

	\$44,779.41
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O.A.A. Other Cities & Towns	\$1,881.69	
O.A.A. State	35,485.07	
A.D.C. State	4,711.70	
D.A. State	2,620.96	
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		\$44,699.42
Welfare—State	\$2,244.61	
Welfare—Other Cities & Towns	2,288.61	
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		\$4,533.22
<b>Total Expense for Welfare Administration:</b>		\$9,512.60
Salaries paid from Town Approp.	\$5,760.00	
Salaries paid from U.S.		
Federal Grant Adm.	3,000.00	
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	\$8,760.00	
<b>Salaries:</b>		
Board of Welfare	\$900.00	
Welfare Agent	3,240.00	
Social Worker	2,400.00	
Jr. Clerk & Typist	2,220.00	
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		\$8,760.00
<b>Other Expense:</b>		
Travel	\$214.00	
Office supplies	89.84	
Postage	72.68	
Office Equipment	228.00	
Other	147.48	
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Total Other Expenses		\$752.60
<b>Total Federal Grant Administration Receipts:</b>		\$3,295.96
Old Age Assistance	\$2,228.68	
Aid to Dependent Children	813.99	
Disability Assistance	253.29	
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		\$3,295.96
<b>Administration Receipts—State:</b>	\$157.07	\$157.07
Disability Assistance (to Accounts Receivable)		

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE L. WILLIAMS, Agent  
STEVEN WEEKES  
HOWARD C. CAHOON  
ALTON E. WALKER  
Board of Public Welfare



## Summary of Welfare Activities For Year Ending 1953

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It seems that this summary for 1953 will be most easily shown if given in the form of a comparison with 1952's report together with a short discussion of the reason for the differences.

	1953	1952
Total cases aided	174	194
Per month average	118	126
Expenditures:		
O.A.A.	\$89,940.33	\$80,584.25
	(118 cases)	(124 cases)
A.D.C.	13,614.34	15,815.35
	(15 cases)	(20 cases)
D.A.	5,724.68	5,432.96
	(4 cases)	(6 cases)
G.R.	13,511.65	11,097.14
	(37 cases)	(44 cases)
Receipts—Federal, State, Other Cities and Towns:		
O.A.A.	\$74,544.56	70,198.76
A.D.C.	10,912.03	11,582.46
D.A.	4,022.24	3,414.00
G.R.	4,533.22	4,571.26
Harwich share of expenditures:		
O.A.A.	15,395.77	\$10,475.49
A.D.C.	2,702.31	4,232.89
D.A.	1,702.44	2,018.96
G.R.	8,978.43	6,525.88
Medical costs:		
O.A.A.	\$10,933.58	4,403.73
A.D.C.	1,698.89	1,954.17
D.A.	3,896.40	1,292.81
G.R.	4,391.79	1,788.06
Total increase of medical costs 1953 over 1952		\$11,481.89

A glance back over this comparison of case loads and costs will show that even with a decrease in the case load, O.A.A. expenditures were higher than in 1952. Medical costs accounted for the larger portion of this increase. There was

an increase in the number of cases hospitalized with stays of longer duration, and in several instances these cases were transferred to nursing homes or boarding homes at a rate much higher than their grant would have been if they had been able to return to their own homes. Hospital payments this year have been at the rate of \$12.00 per day for welfare cases. The State Legislature has voted to allow a payment of \$14.00 per day in 1954 with a further increase scheduled for 1955.

A.D.C. showed a drop in case-load with a corresponding drop in expenditures and Medical costs.

D.A. showed a drop in case load with an increase in expenditures. This increase was due almost wholly to one case hospitalized through-out 1953 with an unusually high incidence of special operative procedures. Fortunately a good rate of Federal and State participation reduced the local share. If it had not been for their participation, the cost of this case would have been entirely borne by the town.

General Relief costs increased over 1952 even with a decrease in case load. Here again medical costs account for almost the total increase. One case was found not eligible for continued Disability Assistance and reverted to General Relief; this a case with recurring medical expenses.

The State Department in conjunction with the State Medical Association has recently given the local departments new procedures which it is hoped will give us a closer control over medical costs. So far no one has been able to formulate any procedures which will rule out the **need** for medical care especially as regards the chronic degenerative diseases of the aged which can be so expensive.

There seems to be an increasing trend towards the breaking up of young families, either thru divorce or desertion of the supporting parent. We have been hoping the means would be provided for the establishment of an adequate family counselling service either on a county basis or in conjunction with an already established agency, with the goal of preventing these broken families and their dependence on A.D.C. and General Relief funds. At present this seems to be well in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES V. NICHOLS  
Social Worker

## Report of The Town Forestry Committee

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This year the Forestry Committee as it has for the past two years had the assistance of Mr. Stephen Hayes, State Forester, Mr. Fish of the Pine Grove Seminary plus the help of Mr. Levy of the Audubon Society to teach the seventh grade boys reforestation and conservation by letting them plant seedlings.

The spring of 1953 the committee was unable to get these seedlings free as in previous years so the Water Dept. offered to buy them and the boys did the planting. The fall of 1953 we were given by the State 2,000 seedlings, 1,000 spruce, 1,000 red pine which were put in by the Water Dept. This means about 3,000 seedlings have been planted in two years at the Water Shed on Chatham Road.

It might be stated here for those who do not understand the purpose of this committee that until the Town owns land to start a Town Forest and appropriates a small sum with which larger seedlings could be purchased, the committee is not a functioning group in the sense of a Town Forestry Committee. However the committee feels that by teaching Conservation & Reforestation to the girls and boys who will be our future Town Officials and by making people Town Forest conscious we are laying a foundation for such a time when the Town obtains a suitable tract of land.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD T. BATES

DORIS M. DOANE

JOSEPH E. CRAFFEY

Forestry Committee

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## Report of The Town Nurse

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Nursing visits	1,225	
Collections		\$667.00

Respectfully submitted,

ADELYN J. PEABODY, R.N.



## Brooks Free Library Trustees' Report

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### George W. Nickerson Fund

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$5,068.58	
Interest for year	144.56	
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		\$5,213.14
Payments		92.62
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		\$5,120.52

### John F. Small Fund

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$154.47	
Interest for year	4.46	
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	158.93	
		158.93
Payments		None
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		\$158.93

The Trustees commend the efficient and competent work of our librarians, Mrs. Virginia S. Doane and Mrs. Barbara Ford. Through their efforts our library is constantly becoming of greater service to the public for both adults and young people.

During the early summer the vacant room on the second floor of Brooks Block building was completely renovated, with fresh paper and paint. New fluorescent lighting and a heating unit were installed in this room.

The Harwich Historical Society has leased the room for their exhibit.

The income from the George W. Nickerson Fund enables us to build our non-fiction library each year.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED B. PAINE  
CHARLOTTE P. SIMS  
HILLARY M. LeCLAIRE  
Library Trustees

## Librarian's Report

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Books in Library Dec. 1952		9,620
Books Added 1953		
Adult		335
Children's		93
Books Removed		—
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Total Dec. 31, 1953		10,048
Record Albums Added		22
Magazines Purchased		29
Circulation:		
Adult	10,102	
Juvenile	4,556	
Magazines	824	
Records	314	
Pamphlets	70	
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Total		15,866

The Brooks Library has had a most satisfactory year with circulation increases in all phases of library distribution. Particularly gratifying has been the 1100 increase in children's books. The children's librarian, Mrs. Ford, has made bi-weekly trips to distribute books to the Elementary School and Brooks Academy. The extra reading material thus made available to the children has greatly stimulated the reading tastes of our younger patrons. In addition, the various classes from the Brooks Academy have come to the Library once every two weeks for courses with the librarian in library science and reference work. This, too, has served to make the young people more aware of the advantages offered by the town library.

During the summer months a Treasure Chest Reading Club was initiated and gave both winter and summer youngsters a chance to pass many happy hours in reading, while striving to fill the chest with "gold" coins. Even the pre-school children competed by having their mothers or elder brothers and sisters help them "read" their picture books.

Book week was celebrated in November as all the grades from the Elementary School made visits to enjoy looking at the new books and to hear the stories read by Mrs. Ford. The third, fourth, and fifth grades made book reports on the stories they heard and individual youngsters were awarded prizes for their endeavors.

A new pamphlet file has been started and has proved to be of great value, particularly to students of all ages seeking information not generally found in the stacks of a small library. The circulation figures do not reflect the great increase in the number of people who are using the library facilities for reference and study work. Tuesday evenings have become particularly popular as more townspeople than ever have been dropping in to look up material or browse through the excellencies of our reading table.

We are most grateful for the number of fine books which have been given by several of the library patrons. Both fiction and non-fiction have been included in these gift books and have helped to increase our service to the reading public.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA S. DOANE  
Librarian

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## Report of Trustees Of the Caleb Trust Fund

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1953

Interest and Dividends received	
January 1 to December 31	\$693.62
Paid Overseers Public Welfare	
January 1 to December 31	693.62
<b>Statement of Investments</b>	
30 shares American Telephone & Telegraph	\$4,680.00
50 shares National Shawmut Bank of Boston	1,812.50
10 shares General Electric	867.50
50 shares First National Bank of Boston	2,437.50
3 shares First National Bank of Boston	146.25
On deposit Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank	1,883.90
	\$11,827.65

During the year three additional shares of stock were received from the First National Bank of Boston as a dividend making the total of 53 shares of stock representing The First National Bank of Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON L. CAHOON, Treas.  
Trustee Caleb Chase Fund



## Report of School Building Committee

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The School Building Committee responsible for building the addition to the existing Elementary School was named at the Town Meeting February 1953. The committee named Herbert E. Hoyt, superintendent of schools, a member ex officio. The school committee was represented on the committee at all times.

The committee interviewed representatives of the following architectural firms:—Cram & Ferguson, Boston; Ashton, Huntress & Pratt, Lawrence; Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, Boston; Smith & Sellew, Boston; Architects Collaborative, Cambridge and Beal & Sons of Boston.

The firm of Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, 177 State Street, Boston, specialists in schoolbuilding construction were chosen. Letters of high recommendation of this firm had been received from members of the building committees in Milton, Lexington and Whitman where the firm was building schools.

Thirteen different preliminary plans were presented by the architect. One combining the best features of two of these was selected. The architect met with all the teachers and the principal of the Elementary School to explain the plan and hear their suggestions. When the new principal Mr. Benjamin Bump, arrived, he too met with the committee and the architect. He also presented the proposed plan to the Selectmen and the entire school committee.

Mr. Lawrence Woodbury who had been clerk of the works for the construction of the original elementary school building was hired to work in the same capacity for the addition.

Bids for the Excavating and Subgrading were opened on Thursday, September 3rd at which time the contract was allotted to Fred W. Crowell of Harwich, low bidder at \$1,395.00.

Bids for the general contractor were opened October 22. There were five bidders. C. Sullivan Co., Inc., Everett; \$433,031.00; Sullivan-Foster Inc., New Bedford; \$432,349.00; Vera Construction Inc., Boston; \$434,000.00; Wexler Constructions Co. Inc., Newton Highlands; \$427,000.00; Grande & Sons Inc., Everett; \$400,898.00. The low bid of \$400,898.00 was too high for the committee to accept and still keep within the \$450,000.00 allotted by the town. Therefore we consulted with the town counsel who saw no legal reason why the committee could not proceed to negotiate with the low bidder since the variance between the low and second bidder both general and sub-contractors (these filed, sealed bids were opened

November 2) were too high. Two things were considered in such negotiations. 1. Giving the town the best value for its money. 2. Being ethically fair to the sub-contractors. The committee proceeded to negotiate with Grande & Sons, the low bidders who were awarded the contract at \$377,000.00. He was instructed to begin construction on November 12. The committee recommended that he place his performance bond with a local (Harwich) bonding agents.

The committee and the architect worked closely with the State School Building Assistance Commission in Boston, making several visits to their office, getting its approval on each step of the planning of the addition.

Construction is proceeding and the committee hopes that the addition of 10 classrooms, superintendent's office and auditorium-playroom will be ready for occupation in the fall of 1954.

BRENTON I. WIXON, Chm.

ARTHUR P. DOANE, JR., Treas.

ELIZABETH W. MITCHELL, Sec.

ALVAH L. FALLA

E. GORHAM NICKERSON

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## Report of School Space Needs Committee

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In our report last year we stated that a study of the space needs at the High School level, should be continued.

We have done this in conjunction with Mr. William F. Clark, of Newton, Educational Consultant and it appears that serious overcrowding at the High School will occur in 1958.

There are two solutions to this problem: 1. Build a new local High School. 2 Associate with neighboring towns and build a Regional High School.

The Committee feels that educationally and economically the second solution is best and recommends it to the Town.

All of the surrounding towns are faced with the same problem and those with whom we have talked have expressed interest. Therefore we should like to see a special committee appointed, with authority to enter into preliminary agreements pointing toward the establishing of a Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING N. BAKER, Chm.

BRENTON I. WIXON

ARTHUR P. DOANE, JR.

ELIZABETH W. MITCHELL, Sec.

ALVAH L. FALLA



## Report of Director of Civil Defense

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

Annual report of the Department of Civil Defense of the Town of Harwich, year ending December 31, 1953.

Civil Defense has been organized by the Federal Government, for the protection of the community in time of disaster or emergency, by trained local civilians. In Harwich, One hundred Identification Cards, have been issued to the personnel of your Civil Defense Department. Last spring, Police and Fire Depts participated successfully in three County alerts.

Under the direction of Asst. Director Harold Peterson, and Police Chief, Conrad Nickerson, the Auxiliary Police were schooled in Court Room procedure and traffic duties. Members have been equipped with night sticks, whistles, reflector belts and badges. A two way portable radio, riot gun and flares have been purchased for the Department.

The Fire Department under the direction of Chief Charles Hall has met once a month, for drill and instruction. In April at a meeting in Boston it was brought to my attention that the Federal Government C. D. would reimburse us \$5,637.50 on the purchase of our new Fire Pumper if applied for within four days. This was done and the town has profited. On June 9, the Governor requested help in the Worcester Disaster Area and ten men responded with three pieces of apparatus. They have received a letter of commendation from the Worcester C. D. Dept. for their efficient services.

The Rescue Squad is still upholding its reputation under the capable training of Capt. Sheldon Thayer. Miss Adelyn Peabody is Nursing Co-ordinator and supervised the Blood-mobile in Harwich when 100 pints were donated to Korean War Veterans. Dr. Arthur D'Elia is the local Medical Co-ordinator.

Civilian War Aid has been well organized by Mrs. Olive Williams who has completed a census of rooms available in an emergency. With her staff she has attended Cape-wide drills on the handling of evacuation problems.

The observation tower at Exchange Hall has been manned part time by the members of the Portuguese Mens Club, and



Sea Scouts. For 1954, members of the Grange and Am. Legion Aux. have offered to assist in this work of the Ground Observer Corps, spotting unidentified planes which cannot be tracked by radar.

Mr. Bert Adams, Director of Communications and his assistant Mr. William Williams with the Am. Tel. Co. have installed in Pleasant Lake and South Harwich as planned by former Director, Mr. William Morey. Sirens on Rt. 28 are blown simultaneously from the controls at the Fire Station. Next year we hope to complete our portable radio systems, set up a radio alarm room at the Fire Station and become an operating part of the efficient Civil Defense Radio Network.

As your Town Director, I have attended all State and County meetings as requested. At this time, I wish to thank the Selectmen, my Asst. Deputy, Harold Peterson, Department Directors, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Portuguese Mens Club, Sea Scouts, and interested citizens who have helped to make this department grow.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD B. COREY

Civil Defense Director

#### FINANCIAL REPORT—1953

Budget Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Transfer from Reserve	741.71	
Total Funds Available		\$1,941.71
Expenditures:		
Administration	\$194.42	
Auxiliary Police	595.87	
Fire Dept. (including Worcester)	802.86	
Ground Observer Corp.	11.00	
Communications	334.38	
Total Expenditures		\$1,938.53
Returned to Revenue		3.18
		\$1,941.71
Civil Defense Reimbursements		
Returned to General Fund		
Worcester Disaster	\$718.16	
New Fire Truck	5,637.50	
Total Returned		\$6,355.66

## Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

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We herewith submit our Annual Report as Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Your Commissioners have endeavored, within the limitations of the appropriations, to give adequate care to the several cemeteries of the town that are under our jurisdiction. Mr. John P. Roderick has continued to serve as Superintendent of cemeteries for your Commissioners and has done an outstanding job in caring for the cemeteries this past year.

The time is near at hand when the equipment and machinery which is owned or under the jurisdiction of your Commissioners will have to be replaced. Most of it is more than ten years old and has served its usefulness.

It is impossible, within the limitations of the appropriations, to do more than to keep the grass mowed and the cemeteries cleared of debris, although it is our desire to do extensive grading and reseeding of many of the cemeteries which are badly in need of this work.

The Commissioners again wish to call to your attention the grave need for additional land for cemeteries within the town. This matter has been reported in our Annual Report for several years with a request that it be referred to the Planning Board under the provisions of statute for their recommendations. The population of the town is growing so fast that there is not adequate burial ground within the town available and all of the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of your Commissioners are full and there is no facility in them for graves or for the sale of further lots. Many of the private cemetery associations within the town have reached their capacity or nearly so and the situation requires immediate attention and action.

This past year there have been many requests made of your Commissioners by citizens of the town for burial lots and we have had to inform them that there are no available lots for sale.

If the tax payers desire to have the cemeteries in a more presentable condition it will be necessary to increase the annual appropriation for this department to carry out that work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. SMITH  
CARLTON E. CHANDLER  
JOHN R. HANDREN



## Report of the Shellfish Warden

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I am very pleased to report that our propagation program is continuing to grow and is becoming more successful each year. This year I planted quahaugs and oysters in Allen Harbor and Round Cove. The plantings in Allen Harbor will be open in the fall of 1954. Round Cove is now open for oysters on Sundays for family use only and they are of excellent quality.

We have been raising oyster seed at Round Cove for moving to other spots in Harwich waters, and have 700 bushels of scallop shells ready to spread in the Cove to catch the summer spat. These shells have already been purchased and are now at the Town Landing at Round Cove.

Wychmere Harbor has an abundance of clams and quahaugs. It is the only place in Harwich where clams may be taken, and then only on Sundays for family use. They are excellent clams. The quahaugs at Wychmere Harbor may be dug on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Harbor will continue to be open until June 1st and then will be closed for four months for all shellfishing.

The scallop crop in Pleasant Bay was exceptional this year, but the price was not very good. I am afraid there will be a poor crop next year, judging by this year's seed.

This is the first year the town has had a full time Shellfish Constable. This has enabled me to give the town more protection to seeded areas and closer supervision of digging. Also there has been more time for extensive planting and more rigid control of predators. The Shellfish Constable's duties also include the care of all docks and floats (Wharfinger) and Harbor Master (except Wychmere and Allen Harbor).

I wish to thank the people who enjoy spending time at the shore shellfishing, for their co-operation this past year. It was a pleasure working with them. I want to assure them that we have another good year coming up.

If at any time you want any information or I can help you in any way, just call me on the phone and I will be more than glad to help you.



**STATISTICS:****Planting, Propagation & Protection of Shellfish**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Salary	\$1,800.00	
Expenses	300.00	
Stock	547.13	
Printing & Equipment	117.15	
Returned to Revenue	235.72	
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		\$3,000.00

**Shellfish Permits Issued**

Commercial	75 @ \$5.00	\$375.00
Non-Resident	61 @ 1.00	61.00
Resident	278 @ .50	139.00
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		\$575.00
Received from State		\$850.00

**1953 Revenue to Town**

Persons asked to show permits	210
Number of persons breaking regulations	116
No permits	21
Undersize shellfish	26
Digging clams	31
Fishing on closed days	44
Fishing restricted areas	38
Court Complaints issued	4
Commercial Inspections	384
Complaints investigated	14
Assistance to out of town Shellfish Constables	1
Assistance from out of town Shellfish Constables	3

**Estimated value of shellfish taken in 1953**

Scallops	\$46,000.00
Quahaugs	6,200.00
Oysters	12,000.00
Others	1,750.00
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	\$65,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. MUNSEY  
Shellfish Constable

## Engineers and Surveyors Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

### ASSESSORS MAPS

This year the maps have been extended into Harwich Center and the changes plotted on the old sheets. The house numbering that was started for Harwichport has been extended to include all the houses that are within the mapped area, i.e., West Harwich, Harwichport, South Harwich and part of Harwich Center.

We have acquired for the Town a set of aerial photographs (scale 400 feet to an inch) that covers the entire town. On these photographs we are assigning house numbers to every house that is visible and compiling a street index of the owners. This will be of great value to the assessors as it will account for every building in the town.

The proposed mapping program for next year is to plot the section adjoining Pleasant Bay (East Harwich) in detail as this is valuable property but in the other areas to plot the street lines, buildings and apparent property lines, and not to spend too much time on property lines of land of low value. This will give an accurate base to work on and as surveys and better deed descriptions become available they can be plotted with accuracy and in detail.

### Town Ways

This year we have set the road bounds on the Town Way accepted last year and have made lay outs of 2 roads for the 1954 Town meeting.

1/ An extension of Long Pond Drive in Pleasant Lake, from the end of the 1952 layout to the land of Louis Fernandes.

2/ The widening and relocating of Pleasant Bay Road in East Harwich, from Route 137 to Route 28.

We also relocated the section of Bay Road in East Harwich, between Route 39 and Church Street.

## SURVEYS

Surveys and plans have been made for the following proposed Town Beaches.

2 in West Harwich

1/ Westerly of Pleasant Road

2/ Easterly of Earle Road

1 in Harwichport at the Camp Ground.

1/ in South Harwich extending from Deep Hole Road easterly to the Chatham line.

1 in Pleasant Lake on Long Pond.

A survey and plan is being made for the proposed recreational grounds north of Brook Park in Harwich Center for this Town Meeting.

During the year we have assisted the Road Surveyor by defining the side lines of Town Ways and the Planning Board with Zoning Maps.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN P. CHASE

Chase, Kelley and Sweetser

Engineers and Surveyors

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## Report of The Herring Committee

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The Herring Committee reports that the seining pool is completed as far as the appropriation allowed. The Herring rights were not sold and consequently the hatch was very good. The committee is in favor of the adoption of article 39 in the town warrant which will assure the town of more efficient supervision of the Herring Rights and a better care of our fisheries.

DONALD T. BATES

ARCHILUS H. CAHOON

MILTON L. CAHOON

Herring Committee



## Report of The Board of Health

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To the citizens of the Town of Harwich:

Present plans for maintaining the Town Dump call for a continuation of the open disposal, burning, and bulldozing. The Board feels that either an Incinerator type disposal or a Sanitary Land Fill would be impractical in view of the other, more urgent, needs of the Town. We can, however, apply the basic principles of these two methods to our open dump and arrive at a much-improved operation. With the aid of some rough landscaping, a more organized use of the bulldozer, less offensive burning hours, and removal of the cesspool disposal area to a more remote section of the Town, we hope to improve the appearance, reduce the opportunity for rats and flies, and bring about a more satisfactory arrangement with only a small increase in cost to the Town. It should be understood that there is no intention of cutting costs at the expense of the general health. In our study of the Town's refuse disposal problem we have given the matter of the public health our first consideration.

A greater effort should be made by the Townspeople to keep the roadsides free of rubbish. This past summer we made several appeals to this effect through the newspapers. We also arranged a clean-up campaign during which the Harwich Boy Scouts were most helpful. At different times men were employed to pick up the worst sections. Warning signs were posted to advise people of their responsibility, and periodic checks were made of the refuse trucks and their coverings. But any effort or plan to keep our roadsides looking respectable is of little value without the wholehearted co-operation of the residents. There are still a number of locations in the Town with inadequate sewage disposal facilities, and sections plagued by poor water supplies. We are continually attempting to better these situations to bring about a higher standard of health. During the year several nuisances were ordered removed including the old rest room at Brooks Park. Dangerous buildings were inspected and

two ordered torn down. Some unfit dwellings still remain inhabited. These will be closed as soon as the proper arrangements can be made. Financial assistance for premature babies was held to a minimum. Health grants were made available only in cases where dependent children were in danger of suffering. At present the Town has no Tuberculosis patients at the Barnstable County Sanitarium.

1953 Licenses:

Rubbish Collection	7
Cesspool Cleaning	2
Common Victualer	36
Lodging Houses	74
Day Nurseries	2
Miscellaneous	3
Cabins	91

1953 Legislation:

Anyone occupying a room in a Hotel, Motel, Camp, Lodging House, etc. must register designating his true name. Whoever is in charge of the register must determine that all occupants are registered according to their true names.

Any food waste which is to be fed to swine must be heated to at least 212 degrees unless the swine is raised for the farmer's own use.

The Board is proud of the fine representation it has received this past year and wishes to thank all those connected with it for their co-operation and assistance. Following is the report of Dr. F. L. Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. CAHOON

ALTON E. WALKER

STEPHEN WEEKES

Board of Health

## Barnstable County Health Department

Barnstable, Mass.

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December 30, 1953

To: Board of Health  
Harwich, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a brief narrative report of the activities of the personnel from the Barnstable County Health Department in the town of Harwich for the year 1953.

Contagious diseases were not prevalent in the Town during the year, and no cases of preventable diseases were reported. Immunization procedures carried out by this Department were confined to the giving of "booster" doses to school children who had been previously immunized against diphtheria and tetanus.

One Dental Hygienist has carried out the usual routine work for school children, which consisted of examination of the teeth, and the topical fluorine treatment. This work was confined to the age groups, seven, ten and thirteen.

Inspections of food handling establishments this year have been limited to some extent, since we had adopted the policy of concentrating our attention to new establishments, those under new ownership or operation, and those whose record had not been entirely satisfactory in the past. We have found, that for the most part, the restaurants in Harwich have been operated in a sanitary manner. As one item of evidence to support this statement, it may be noted that during the year 1953, we have examined a total of 77 swabs taken from utensils used in serving food and drink, and only 8 of these showed bacterial counts which were higher than reasonable standards.

We have examined the overnight camps licensed in the Town. Of the nine groups inspected, seven were connected with the public water supply. In looking over our records, we are of the opinion that there are seven groups of camps licensed as overnight that could not be properly classified as such.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. MOORE, M.D. M.P.H.

Special Agent, Board of Health  
Town of Harwich



## Treasurer's Report

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### Dr.

Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	\$243,577.71
Received during 1953	1,210,555.93
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,454,133.64</u>

### Cr.

Payments made by Warrants 1953	\$866,988.60
Cash in Cape Cod Trust Co.	587,067.90
Cash on hand in Town Treasury	77.14
	<u>\$1,454,133.64</u>

### BROOKS MEDAL FUND

#### Dr.

Amount of Fund Jan. 1, 1953	\$1,210.46
Interest accrued, 1953	34.60
Total	<u>\$1,245.06</u>

#### Cr.

Paid for School Medals	\$29.40
On hand December 31, 1953	<u>\$1,215.66</u>

HENRY K. BEARSE,  
Town Treasurer

#### Licensing Filling Stations, Gasoline Pumps and Storage Tanks:

26 Licenses at .50 each	\$13.00
Paid to the Town Treasurer	\$13.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE,  
Town Clerk

### CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS PERPETUAL CARE LOTS

#### Interest Only to be Used.

	Principal	Interest Expended	Interest not Used
Allen, Jarius	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$1.29
Allen, Mercie K.	200.00	.....	24.63
Ansell, William E.	100.00	.....	2.90
Atkins, Prince A.	200.00	6.00	3.81
Atwood, Love C.	150.00	6.00	1.19
Baker, Aaron E.	50.00	1.30	.72
Baker, Austin	50.00	1.30	.78
Baker, Cyrus C.	100.00	4.00	1.72
Baker, John Avery	100.00	1.50	1.40
Baker, Richard	100.00	3.00	1.24
Baker, Sarah M.	50.00	1.50	1.19

	Principal	Interest Expended	Interest not Used
Barnes, William P.	200.00	5.00	5.46
Bassett, Alvin H.	200.00	6.00	37.89
Bassett, Vincent C.	250.00	5.00	13.29
Bassett, Heman E.	100.00	6.00	5.70
Bassett, Isaac	300.00	8.00	14.45
Bearse, Isaac M.	150.00	4.00	2.45
Bee, Benjamin F.	100.00	4.00	.74
Bent, Chas. T. A.	5000.00	112.55	750.97
Berry, Henry C.	100.00	2.90	.38
Berry, Herbert F.	100.00	2.90	.57
Berry, James Sr.	100.00	3.00	1.37
Berry, James C.	100.00	.....	4.06
Berry, Judah Jr.	100.00	3.00	3.00
Briggs, Emma J.	50.00	2.50	2.86
Brown & Phillips	100.00	3.00	.51
Bullard, Maud S.	250.00	6.00	16.59
Butler, Joseph L.	200.00	5.00	4.28
and Overbaugh, Alonzo	.....	3.00	1.28
Cahoon, Alpheus	75.00	4.00	10.15
Cahoon, Elvira	125.00	5.00	7.14
Cahoon, Emulous A.	50.00	.....	9.21
Cahoon, Joel B.	150.00	5.00	6.27
Cahoon, Myra L.	200.00	2.50	31.99
Chase, A. and J. H.	300.00	7.00	10.37
Chase, Benjamin R.	100.00	3.00	1.32
Chase, Benj. W.	200.00	5.00	1.20
Chase, Arthur F.	100.00	3.00	1.39
Chase, Caleb	300.00	9.00	3.42
Chase, Edgar	50.00	1.30	.78
Chase, Henry W.	100.00	3.00	1.32
Chase, Joseph W.	100.00	3.00	1.18
Chase, Reuben R.	300.00	4.00	13.48
Chase, Robert W.	100.00	3.00	1.39
Chase, Sylvanus	100.00	5.00	.44
Cobb, Frederick	200.00	5.00	3.57
Cobb, Frederick E.	100.00	3.00	1.18
Cole, Stephen	200.00	6.00	22.09
Cook, Ruth S.	50.00	.....	3.12
Crapo, William F.	150.00	6.00	1.18
Crosby, Henry T.	200.00	9.00	.34
Crosby & Hubbard	200.00	2.50	9.30
Crowell, George F.	50.00	1.00	.79
Crowell, Joseph W.	100.00	.....	44.28
Cummings, James W.	50.00	1.00	1.30
Cummings, Ralph	100.00	3.00	1.08
Davis, Amy B.	100.00	3.00	1.28
Doane, Abisha	250.00	10.00	2.15
Doane, Abisha M.	250.00	10.00	2.15
Doane, Franklin S.	100.00	3.00	1.59
Doane, James B.	100.00	3.00	1.26
Doane, Lewis B.	50.00	2.00	.33
Doyle, Lawrence	200.00	.....	17.35
Dunton, Charles	25.00	.....	2.82
Eldredge, Benj. F.	100.00	4.00	1.37
Eldredge, Eben	100.00	4.00	.63
Eldredge, Frederick S.	100.00	.....	3.15
Eldredge, Isaac B.	200.00	7.00	11.76

	Principal	Interest Expended	Interest not Used
Eldredge, Isaiah K.	100.00	3.00	3.90
Eldredge, James H.	50.00	1.30	.67
Eldredge, Milton L.	100.00	3.50	4.53
Eldredge, Polly M.	50.00	5.00	.60
Ellis, Albyron	200.00	5.00	5.16
Ellis, Theodore R.	100.00	3.00	1.17
Emery, Frank A.	50.00	2.00	.74
Emery, Frank H.	50.00	1.50	.90
Foster, Nathan	250.00	4.00	33.43
Gorham, Nathaniel T.	150.00	4.00	.36
Goss, Alton P.	50.00	1.00	.96
Hall, Daniel	100.00	5.00	.24
Handren, Moses - Elam Baker	300.00	8.00	4.88
Harris, John & Everett	100.00	2.90	.94
Hays, Samuel	100.00	2.90	.97
Hayward, Sylvanus A.	100.00	3.00	1.61
Hooks, Gilman	100.00	3.00	1.12
Hopkins, Giles	50.00	1.50	.61
Hurd, Irene	110.00	6.00	2.32
Ives, Mary T.	50.00	2.00	.51
Janes, Mary	200.00	10.00	10.91
Jones, Asa L.	100.00	.....	31.06
Kelley, Baxter D.	50.00	1.30	.74
Kelley, Benj. F.	75.00	1.50	2.04
Kelley, Eunice B.	100.00	22.00	37.91
Kelley, Gustavus	200.00	5.00	.22
Kendrick, Alonzo	100.00	.....	9.21
Kendrick, Mary B.	100.00	3.00	1.87
Kendrick, Benj.	50.00	1.00	1.43
Kendrick, Elmore	100.00	.....	.....
Long, Abner F.	100.00	4.00	2.31
Long, Albert D.	50.00	2.00	.35
Long, Clara M.	50.00	1.30	.79
Long, Levi	200.00	.....	103.92
Lopes, John M.	100.00	5.00	.58
Lothrop, Davis	200.00	6.00	3.93
Lothrop, John D.	150.00	4.00	2.28
Loveland, Elizabeth	25.00	.....	1.21
McLean, James	50.00	2.00	3.28
Megathlin, Anthony S.	100.00	5.00	.94
Miles, Samuel J.	75.00	4.00	3.75
Moody, J. M. and S. B.	100.00	4.00	.06
Mullins, Daniel J.	200.00	.....	35.19
Nickerson, Adeline	400.00	10.00	6.72
Nickerson, Alonzo Jr.	150.00	4.00	3.63
Nickerson, Darius M.	100.00	3.00	2.19
Nickerson, George W.	200.00	8.00	7.02
Nickerson, Henry	100.00	3.00	1.32
Nickerson, Huldah	50.00	2.00	.49
Nickerson, Joshua	250.00	5.00	4.31
Nickerson, John P. and J. W.	500.00	10.00	12.38
Nickerson, Nathan and Thankful	150.00	5.00	7.49
Nickerson, Nathan E.	100.00	2.50	.59
Nickerson, Philip L.	400.00	11.00	.71
Nickerson, Samuel T.	100.00	2.50	1.09
Norris, Ann J.	100.00	.....	2.90
Old (Methodist) Cemetery, E. Harwich	616.84	.....	51.93



	Principal	Interest Expended	Interest not Used
Oliver, Charles B.	50.00	1.30	.76
Packard, Charles H.	200.00	5.00	6.68
Paine, Walter I.	400.73	12.00	19.02
Phillips, Jacob F.	100.00	7.00	14.33
Phillips, Lewis L.	200.00	5.00	13.90
Potter, E. A. and Margaret	200.00	6.00	2.65
Ritchie, Gordon	200.00	6.00	2.21
Robbins, N. and J. K.	250.00	.....	98.90
Rogers, Bessie R.	50.00	1.30	.66
Sears, Burton G.	100.00	3.00	1.83
Sears, Edith E.	50.00	.....	4.83
Sewall, Susan B.	200.00	7.00	.87
Shaw, Susan D.	50.00	2.00	.33
Sherman-Freeman-Taylor Lot	600.00	17.50	12.60
Simmons, Burgess T.	100.00	4.00	.75
Sisson, John R. and Phebe	200.00	8.00	.28
Sleuman, Frederick	150.00	5.00	.96
Small, Aaron	100.00	4.00	7.83
Small, Abner L.	150.00	5.00	2.00
Small, David L.	200.00	9.00	.39
Small, Elizabeth	50.00	1.00	.68
Small, Samuel	125.00	6.00	4.59
Small, Thomas G.	100.00	4.00	1.22
Small, Zebina H.	200.00	5.00	4.36
Smalley, Ebenezer	150.00	4.00	3.68
Smith, F. Otto	200.00	4.00	12.83
Smith, Daniel H.	100.00	.....	6.88
Smith, Joseph	100.00	3.00	1.04
Smith, Warren	100.00	3.00	.99
Snow, Augustus	100.00	3.00	1.33
Snow, Chester	100.00	4.00	.67
Snow, Ernest L.	100.00	3.00	.88
Snow, Franklin	100.00	4.00	.97
Snow, Franklin D. & Stearns Ward	100.00	4.50	1.01
Snow, Herbert Franklin	200.00	5.50	13.76
Snow, John L.	100.00	3.00	1.80
Snow, Laban	100.00	4.00	1.32
Snow, Levi	50.00	1.00	1.33
Sparrow, George L.	25.00	1.00	.81
Sparrow, Henry L.	100.00	4.00	.05
Starbuck, George W.	100.00	4.00	.82
Taylor, Edward F. and J. Parks	300.00	9.00	2.71
Taylor, Daniel B.	100.00	2.50	7.57
Taylor, George B.	50.00	2.00	.47
Tripp, Gideon	200.00	10.00	7.12
Turpie, Clarenton and Lill	100.00	3.95	.....
Underwood, Lucy E.	150.00	6.00	9.30
Underwood, Nathan	200.00	8.00	21.01
Watkins, Annie F.	100.00	3.00	1.70
Willett, Wallace	200.00	5.00	9.76
Wixon, Amos F. and Euphemia	50.00	2.00	9.57
Wixon, David E.	50.00	1.25	2.18
Young, Jonathan B.	75.00	2.00	.92
	<hr/> \$29,152.57	<hr/> \$801.25	<hr/> \$1,889.32

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE

Town Treasurer

## Report of Annual Town Meeting

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**HELD IN EXCHANGE HALL     HARWICH CENTER**

**February 9 - 10, 1953**

**Article 1.** To choose on one ballot the following Town Officers and Committees: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes for one year; one Selectman, Overseer of Public Welfare and Board of Health for three years; one Assessor for three years; three Herring Committee for one year; one Recreation Committee for five years; one Recreation Committee for four years; one Recreation Committee for one year; three Constables for one year; one Trustee of Brooks Library for three years; one Park Commissioner for three years; Surveyor of Highways for one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for one year; one Tree Warden for one year; Moderator for one year; one School Committee for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; and one Planning Board Member for five years.

**Article 2.** To choose all other Town Officers and Committees.

Complete list is printed on the first page of this Town Report.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Accepted and adopted.

**Article 4.** To hear the report of all Town Officers and Committees for the year of 1952.

Accepted and adopted as printed in Town Report.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year and to act fully thereon.

**1953**

**Budget Adopted by the Town of Harwich**

**Annual Town Meeting held February 9th, 10th and 11th.**

Selectmen's Clerk Salary	\$2,400.00
Selectman's Expense	500.00
Accountant's Salary	2,400.00
Accountant's Expense	250.00
Treasurer's Expense	700.00
Treasurer's Bond	215.50
Collector's Expense	1,000.00
Collector's Bond	330.00
Deputy Collector's Fees	100.00
Assessors' Expense	1,500.00
Boundstones	100.00
Law Department	700.00

Settlement of Claims		300.00
Land Damages		300.00
Town Clerk's Expense		200.00
Town Clerk's Bond		5.00
Elections & Registrations		1,500.00
Office Equipment		800.00
Exchange Building		6,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses		150.00
Planning Board Expenses		300.00
Tax Title Expenses		100.00
Certification of Town Notes		10.00
Police Department		29,334.00
Salaries	\$24,900.00	
Operating Exp.	4,434.00	
Fire Department		21,149.00
Salaries	13,850.00	
Operating Exp.	7,299.00	
Moth Department		1,700.00
Forestry Department		800.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		700.00
Wire Inspection		900.00
Life Guard		700.00
Building Inspection		2,500.00
Civil Defense		1,200.00
Board of Health		2,450.00
Town Dump		2,600.00
School Dental Clinic		1,500.00
Town Nurse		2,500.00
Town Nurse Substitute		500.00
Plumbing Inspection		1,850.00
Inspector of Animals		50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering		50.00
Highways—General Repairs		35,000.00
Snow Removal		4,000.00
Fences & Railings		600.00
Bridges		600.00
Street Lights		10,382.00
Harbor Master		50.00
Repairs—Town Docks & Floats		200.00
Welfare Agent's Salary		2,240.00
Social Worker's Salary		1,400.00
Jr. Clerk & Typist Salary		1,220.00
Welfare Expense		600.00
Public Welfare		14,000.00
Old Age Assistance		45,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children		5,000.00
Disability Assistance		3,600.00
Free Bed Cape Cod Hospital		1,000.00
Veteran's Benefits		15,000.00
Schools		136,855.00
Vocational Education		1,000.00
Athletics (Schools)		500.00
Brooks Free Library Plus Dog Tax		2,500.00
Harwich Port Library		900.00
Chase Library		900.00
Park Commission		6,655.00
Recreation Commission		3,740.00
Repairs of Public Buildings		3,000.00
Memorial & Armistice Day Services		500.00



Town Reports	1,050.00
Herring Committee	300.00
Reserve Fund	8,000.00
Cleaning Beaches & Repairs of Boardwalks	1,000.00
Beach Erosion	2,000.00
Planting & Purchasing of Shellfish	600.00
Propagation & Protection of Shellfish	2,400.00
Propagation of Fish & Game	100.00
Advertising	700.00
Insurance	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Cemetery Commission	1,000.00
Water Department	36,590.00
Retirement of Water Bonds	7,000.00
Interest on Water Bonds	490.00
Retirement on Elementary School Bonds	18,000.00
Interest on Elementary School Bonds	5,380.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$480,095.50</b>

#### Salaries of Elected Officers

Moderator	\$100.00
Selectmen	4,230.00
Chairman (Extra)	100.00
Treasurer	1,980.00
Collector of Taxes	2,780.00
Assessors	3,600.00
Town Clerk	800.00
Surveyor of Highways	3,700.00
Board of Public Welfare	900.00
School Committee	450.00
Water Commissioners	300.00
Tree Warden	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,440.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$499,535.50</b>

#### Appropriations Under Articles

Article 10	Band Concerts, Brooks Park	\$500.00
Article 18	Celebration on July 4	1,000.00
Article 19	Unpaid Bills (1952)	1,400.40
Article 20	Recreation in form of Baseball	500.00
Article 22	Purchase of new Police Cruiser	2,779.00
Article 23	Purchase of Fire Hose	1,150.00
Article 25	Extension of Water Mains	4,000.00
Article 26	Painting & Repairing Kildee Hill Water Tank	11,000.00
Article 27	Painting standpipe in Brooks Park	2,500.00
Article 28	Complete 6-in. Water Main, Grey Neck Rd.	1,200.00
Article 33	Harbor Improvement, dredging & groin work, Round Cove	1,000.00
Article 34	Dredging Wychmere Harbor	5,000.00
Article 35	Dredging Allen's Harbor	5,000.00
Article 36	Assessors' Maps	3,000.00
Article 37	Relocation and Laying Out of Town Ways	3,500.00
Article 38	Accepting Layout Grey Neck Lane	35.00
Article 39	Accepting Layout Earle Terrace	30.00
Article 40	Accepting Layout Joe Lincoln Rd.	40.00
Article 41	Accepting Layout of Red River Rd.	40.00

Article 42	Accepting Layout Victory Drive	35.00
Article 44	Accepting Layout Ocean Ave. (S. Harwich)	40.00
Article 49	Payment to Tree Warden for Services in 1952	508.13
Article 50	Control of Dutch Elm Disease	600.00
Article 51	Repairs on Large Spraying Machine	350.00
Article 53	Planting of Shade Trees	500.00
Article 54	Purchase of New Truck (Highway Dept.)	3,000.00
Article 55	Purchase of New Tractor Loader (Highway Dept.)	1,600.00
Article 59	Widen & Improve Gorham Rd.	3,000.00
Article 60	New Bridge, Lothrop Ave.	4,500.00
Article 64	Payment of 1952 Bills to Park Commissioners	378.00
Article 65	Regrading, hardening with oil, new wall Bank St. Beach Parking Lot, foot Bank St.	3,000.00
Article 66	Fill Water Hole in Brooks Park	400.00
Article 73	Regrading and Hardening Town Landing, Allen's Harbor	700.00
Article 78	Extending Parking Lot, Earle Rd., Relocate drain pipe	1,600.00
Article 81	Extending and Repairing Jetty, Pleasant St. Beach	1,500.00
Article 82	Erection of Comfort Station, Bank St. Beach Parking Lot	2,900.00
Total		<hr/> \$68,285.53

#### Appropriations from Available Funds

Article 7	Chap. 90 Highway Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Article 8	Chap. 90 Road Construction	17,000.00
Article 29	Water Dept. Construction Acct. extending Water Mains	15,000.00
Article 47	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	15,000.00
Article 24	Purchase New Pumper (Fire Dept.)	17,000.00
Article 56	Addition to Elementary School	20,000.00
Article 58	Widening and Hardening Long Pond Drive	4,000.00
Article 67	Continued Hardening and Improvement Schoolhouse Parking Lot, Harwichport	4,500.00
Article 74	Construction Bulkhead, Town Landing, Allen's Harbor	1,650.00
Article 75	Building Jetty Uncle Venies Rd. Beach	2,000.00
Article 76	Purchase Beach Land (Larkin Prop.) Uncle Venies Rd.	3,500.00
Article 79	Moving Jetty at Earle Rd. Beach	2,000.00
Total		<hr/> \$104,650.00
Article 15	Dog Fund, Use of Brooks Free Library	\$615.33

#### Appropriations from Surplus Overlay

Article 77	Pumping Sand on Bathing Beach, Deep Hole Rd.	\$2,500.00
Article 80	Extension of Hard Pavement Shore Rd. and Hard Surfacing for Parking Lot	2,000.00
Total		<hr/> \$4,500.00



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT****Appropriations Under Articles**

Article 1	Purchase of Beach Land foot of Bank St.	\$4,000.00
Article 2	Purchase of Land from J. H. Paine for School	1,000.00
Article 3	Purchase of Land from Bertha H. Chase for School	2,500.00
Total		<hr/> \$7,500.00

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of the elected Town Officers for the year 1953 and to appropriate money therefor.

Moderator	\$100.00
Selectmen	4,230.00
Chairman (extra)	100.00
Treasurer	1,980.00
Collector of Taxes	2,780.00
Assessors	3,600.00
Town Clerk	800.00
Surveyor of Highways	3,700.00
Board of Public Welfare	900.00
School Committee	450.00
Water Commissioners	300.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Total	<hr/> \$19,440.00

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereon.

It was voted that \$1,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the Town's Share of the cost of Chap. 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with whatever State and County funds are available under Chap. 90, Road Construction and to act fully thereon.

The Town voted that the sum of \$4,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chap. 90, road construction and that in addition the sum of \$12,750.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

**Article 9.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Herring Fisheries for the year 1953 and to act fully thereon.

It was voted that the herring fisheries rights be sold by the Herring Committee at public auction with an upset price of \$800.00.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for Band Concerts to be given by the Chatham Band in Brooks Park in the summer of 1953.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.



**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to grant to Pine Grove Cemetery Association for Cemetery purposes the land now owned by the Town and formerly owned by Mary D. Crowell and more particularly bounded and described as follows: commencing at a cement bound in the southwest corner of the premises at a Town Road called Division Street and in range of land now or formerly of David R. Ginn, thence sets northerly by said Division Street, 170 feet to a Town Road called Cemetery Road; thence easterly by said Cemetery Road 750 feet to a stake in range of land of the heirs of Benjamin Hurst and at a point opposite Stone and Iron Cemetery fence; thence sets southerly by the said Benjamin Hurst heirs 170 feet to land now or formerly of the said David R. Ginn; thence westerly 750 feet by the said David R. Ginn land to the first mentioned bound, supposed to contain about 2 acres and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to nominate and elect from the floor a committee of five to make a study of the manager form of town government; so called; said committee to report its findings with recommendations to the Board of Selectmen prior to December 1, 1953 and that a sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be raised and appropriated for the use of said committee.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to release any interest the town may have in the land now owned by Helen E. McIvor on Uncle Venies Road in South Harwich and to execute the necessary instruments in order to clear the title of said land.

Accepted and adopted as read.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for group Life Insurance for Town Employees and act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to expend the refunded Dog Tax for the support of Brooks Free Library and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read.

**Article 16.** To see what action the Town will take relative to holding the action on the Town Meeting Warrant in the evening and act fully thereon.

It was voted to accept this article.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Cemetery Road in West Harwich to Pine Grove Road and to instruct the Surveyor of Highways to erect a sign "Pine Grove Road" at each end of said Road and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used under direction of the Selectmen to properly celebrate and observe July 4, 1953.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for this purpose.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for unpaid bills of 1952 as provided for in Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,400.04 for this article.

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be expended for Recreation and Amusement in the form of Baseball.

Accepted and adopted. Raised and appropriated \$500.00.

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to install a Flood Lighting System in Brooks Park and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$2,779.00) for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, equipped with radio and all other accessories, said purchase to be made by the Selectmen and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,779.00 for this purchase.

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,150.00) for the purchase of 500 feet of 2½-in. treated double jacket fire hose and 500 feet of 1⅛-in. forestry hose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,150.00 for this purchase.

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper for the Fire Department. This new truck to replace the 1927 Maxim pumper now in service and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$17,000.00, and the Selectmen be authorized to sell or trade the pumper (truck) used by the Town—said amount to be used towards the purchase of a new pumper, said purchase of pumper to be put up for public bid.

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners for extending water mains where requested, providing the estimated income is at least six per cent (6%) of the cost of installing.

Accepted and adopted. Voted that \$4,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this article.

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of painting and repairing the Elevated Water Tank at Kildee Hill in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted that \$11,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this work. On motion of Joshua A. Nickerson it was ordered that any steel parts are to be hot dipped Galvanized.

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of painting the new Standpipe at Brooks Park in Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to do this work.



**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to complete the 6-in. water main on Grey Neck Road in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted that \$1,200.00 be raised and appropriated for carrying out this work.

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to the Water Department's construction account for extending water mains and appurtenances in such streets and ways, public or private as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine. Also to determine whether the appropriation shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds in the treasury or by issuance of a loan.

Accepted and adopted. Voted that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for this article.

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners for the lowering of 530 feet of existing 10-in. Water Main in Chatham Road to a depth of 4 feet below the existing surface of the street and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to direct the Water Commissioners to purchase the necessary equipment and materials in order to provide for the fluoridation of the Harwich water supply and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will accept and adopt the following extension to the Protective By-Law for the Town of Harwich.

By-Law: To extend the Protective By-Law for the Town of Harwich, originally adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, February 13, 1951, approved by the Attorney General's Office June 15, 1951, with extension amendments and changes adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, February 12, 1952, approved by the Attorney General's Office June 2, 1952, and made effective June 23, 1952; to also include the Pleasant Bay area of East Harwich as shown on a revised Protective By-Law map to be filed with the Town Clerk under the same rules and regulations, but with the following additions:—

Under Section 1, first paragraph, page 15, after South Harwich add the following:—"and the Pleasant Bay area of East Harwich," only,

After paragraph 6, top of page 16 add "(7) Pleasant Bay area of East Harwich between Route 28 and Pleasant Bay on the east side and one thousand feet (1,000) west, parallel with west side of Route 28."

Under (b) Residential and Agricultural District, top of page 16, after South Harwich, add the following:—"and the Pleasant Bay area of East Harwich."

Accepted and adopted by unanimous vote.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of making harbor improvements including dredging and groin work at little Round Cove said sum to be used in conjunction with any money contributed by the County and the State Department of Public Works and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for this article.



**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars(\$5,000.00) for the purpose of dredging at Wychmere Harbor at Harwich Port said sum to be used in conjunction with any money contributed by the State Department of Public Works and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for this article.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of harbor improvements at Allens Harbor, said sum to be used in conjunction with any money contributed by the State Department of Public Works and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for this article.

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making Assessors' Maps and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for this article.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to provide for the expense in the laying out, relocation and alteration of Town Ways and Surveying Town Property and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for this article.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Grey Neck Lane leading off Grey Neck Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain, the lands or interests in the lands within said layout, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Moved that the Town accept the layout of Grey Neck Lane leading off Grey Neck Road as reported and accepted by the Board of Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the interest or interests within said layout and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35.00 for this purpose.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Earle Terrace leading off Earle Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$35.00 by unanimous vote.

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Joe Lincoln Road leading from Riverside Drive to Belmont Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Accepted and adopted by unanimous vote. Raised and appropriated the sum of \$40.00.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Red River Road leading off Route 28 in a southerly direction as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Accepted and adopted by unanimous vote. Raised and appropriated the sum of \$40.00.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Victory Drive leading off Lower County Road northerly to Sunset Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Accepted and adopted by unanimous vote. Raised and appropriated the sum of \$35.00.

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will accept the relocation and alteration of Smith Street leading from Depot Street easterly to North Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within such alteration and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Ocean Avenue leading off Uncle Venies Road westerly as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 30, 1953, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose.

Accepted and adopted by unanimous vote. Raised and appropriated the sum of \$40.00.

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain for the purpose of a public playground and recreation centre the area of woodland, brushland and cleared land located between Harwich Center and Harwich Port and being bounded and described in two parts as follows: 1. Westerly by Grass Pond so called; northwesterly and northerly by swamp land of owners unknown; easterly by land of Helen B. Buck, land of Walter C. Cook, land of Herbert L. Bradford, land of B. Mildred Gray, land of Ralph S. Brown, land of Emma C. Megathlin, land of Margaret E. Sliney, land of William J. Sliney and land described in a deed of Theron C. Homes to Clayton I. Hemeon dated June 17, 1949, and recorded with Barnstable County Deeds in Book 723, page 9; Southerly by land described in a deed of Theron C. Holmes to Edward J. Shaw et ux dated October 24, 1946, and recorded with said deeds in Book 658, Page 424; Easterly again and Southerly again and Easterly again by said land now or formerly of Shaw and land described in a deed of Theron C. Holmes to Theodore Hunt dated October 30, 1943, and recorded with said deeds in Book 607, Page 381; Southerly again and Southwesterly and Westerly again by cranberry land and swamp land of J. O. Hulse and owners unknown. 2. Also, and as a part of said area, a strip of land thirty feet in width adjoining the northerly side of said land of Margaret E. Sliney and extending from Bank Street westerly to



the first described part. The said premises being made up of parcels now or formerly of Sidney B. Moody, Gershom D. Hall, Charles Taylor, Theron C. Holmes, Emma C. Megathlin and/or owners unknown.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) New Town Office Building Fund established under Article 26 in the 1952 Annual Town Meeting to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws and act fully thereon.

Accepted as read.

**Article 47.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to a new Town Office Building and appropriate a sum of money therefor and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read. Voted to transfer \$15,000.00 to the stabilization fund.

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to set the hourly wage for all day laborers working for the Highway Department, Water Department, Park Department, Moth Department and Forestry Department and all other town departments at the sum of one dollar and fifteen cents (\$1.15) per hour, and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read. Wages to be \$1.15 per hour.

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the Tree Warden for services rendered during the year of 1952 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$508.13.

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to be used in controlling the Dutch Elm Disease under Chapter 761 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) to be used in repairing the large spraying machine bought by the Town in 1929 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00.

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selling at public sale, one two hundred (200) gallon power sprayer no longer needed by the Moth Department and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read.

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to plant shade trees along the town roads and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight hundred dollars (\$3,800.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the Highway Department and authorize the Surveyor of Highways to trade the truck now owned by the Town and the sum from same to be used toward the purchase of a new truck and to act fully thereon.



Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for this purchase.

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new Tractor Loader for the Highway Department and to authorize the Surveyor of Highways to trade the old Tractor and the sum from same to be used toward the purchase of a new Tractor and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,600.00 for this Article.

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the already existing Elementary School Building; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$450,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing and addition to the elementary school building and for originally equipping and furnishing said addition, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$50,000.00 be appropriated from available revenue funds and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$400,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the Town there-for payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapt. 44, of the General laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years of the date of issue of the first bond or note. Be it further voted that the School Space Needs Committee appointed under Article 17 of the warrant for the annual town meeting of 1952 be designated to the School Building Committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the addition to the elementary school.

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to widen and improve Pleasant Bay Road so called in East Harwich from Route 137 to Route 28 and act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purposes of widening and hardening the Town way known as Long Pond Drive in Pleasant Lake and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to take from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$4,000.00.

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to widen and improve the Town Way known as Gorham Road and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for this article.

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) to construct a new bridge on Lothrop Avenue and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for this article.

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to place under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners all Town owned beaches, parking lots and other lands adjacent thereto and act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen, Park Commissioners and all other Town Officials to desist from issuing licenses for any and all concessions (so called) on Town owned beaches and adjacent parking areas and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted as read.

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners to perform day labor in the parks, and determine the hourly wage to be paid to such commissioners, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Accepted and adopted. Voted the hourly wage be \$1.15 per hour.

**Article 64.** To see what action the Town will take in regard to the payment of outstanding bills in the amount of three hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$378.00) for day labor rendered by the Park Commissioners in the year 1952 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted that the sum of \$378.00 be raised and appropriated.

**Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for removal of sand, building a wall and hardening with oil and grading of Town Parking space at foot of Bank Street in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00. Standing vote 75 for, 20 against.

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) to fill the old water hole in Brooks Park and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for loam and seeding.

**Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to further improve and harden with bituminous concrete the Old School House Parking Lot in Harwich Port and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and that the sum of \$4,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury for this article.

**Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Harwich to lease from Cape Interstate Inc. for a public parking area for a term of five years beginning on the first day of April 1953, said lease being terminated on two months written notice from either party to the other, paying rent at the rate of not more than one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, a parcel of land in the rear of the Modern Theater, Main Street, Harwich Port and to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for payment of rent for the first year.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 69.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to improve and maintain the public parking area described in the motion voted on in the preceding article and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.



**Article 70.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Harwich to lease from Chase Street Village Inc. for a public parking area for a term of five years beginning on the first day of April 1953, said lease being terminated on two months written notice from either party to the other, paying rent at the rate of not more than one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, a parcel of land in the rear of the Eldredge Block (so called) on Main Street in Harwich Port and to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for payment of rent for the first year.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 71.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to improve and maintain the public parking area described in the motion voted on in the preceding article and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 72.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of hardening a parking lot at the Nickerson Town Beach so-called at the foot of Bay Road in East Harwich, and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 73.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for grading and hardening of the surface at the Town Landing, Allen's Harbor and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for this article.

**Article 74.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,650.00) for the construction of a bulkhead at the Town Landing at Allen's Harbor and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,650.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury for this article.

**Article 75.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be used in conjunction with such money as may be available from the County and Department of Public Works to build a jetty extending about two hundred feet (200) into the Sound from the highest land just west of Uncle Venies Road if projected, making use of the stone in the two present jetties near this point, and adding enough additional stone to extend jetty above normal high tides its full length and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to take from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$2,000.00.

**Article 76.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase the land of approximately three and one half (3½) acres between Deep Hole Road and Uncle Venies Road, parallel with the beach and now known as the Larkin property and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to take from available funds the sum of \$3,500.00

**Article 77.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used in conjunction with such money as may be available from the County and the Department of Public Works, to pump sand onto present eroded beach, now all bog land, at the west side of new jetty when completed to improve the town bathing beach at the foot of Deep Hole Road and to act fully thereon.



Accepted and adopted. Voted to take from overlay surplus the sum of \$2,500.00.

**Article 78.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) to extend the present parking lot at the Earle Road Town Beach to the north to square up the present area and to oil, remove low brush and sand, to widen entrance area, putting the present drain pipe in better location and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00.

**Article 79.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to move the present jetty in the middle of the entrance of the Earle Road Town Beach to a point near the east line of Town property and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to take the sum of \$2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

**Article 80.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to extend the hard pavement on Shore Road an additional sixty feet (60) west, then south, parallel with Pleasant Road extension to the beach already hard surfaced, marking out as parking lot this entire area with proper entrance and exit arrows or signs and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to take from overlay surplus funds the sum of \$2,000.00.

**Article 81.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to put in order the present temporary jetty at the Pleasant Road Town Beach and extend this jetty twenty-five feet (25) further into the Sound and act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00. Temporary jetty to be combined with jetty to the East.

**Article 82.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to erect a Comfort Station with plumbing equipment and cesspools on the Town Beach Parking lot at the foot of Bank Street. Said building to be built on the southeast corner of said lot and to be equipped with toilets and other facilities for the use of those using the beach and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00.

**Article 83.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the 1953 tax rate and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

**Article 84.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balances of special appropriations to Surplus Revenue:

Purchase New Police Cruiser .....	\$16.00
To complete Heating System—Fire Station .....	92.25
Purchase Highway Truck .....	20.03
Grading, Surfacing & Catch Basins—	
Woodbine & Meadow Lanes .....	.10
Grade & Repair Braddock Lane .....	288.29
Oil Town Landing—Wychmere Harbor .....	2.42

Regrade, Repair, Surface, Flood Lights, Catch Basins	
Old School House Parking Area .....	88.20
New Elementary School .....	1,937.51
Extensions Water Mains—Votapka Residence .....	555.20
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	\$3,000.00

Accepted and adopted as read and the sum of \$3,000.00 to be transferred to surplus revenue.

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## Special Town Meeting

FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 1953

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**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in whole or in part a certain parcel of land in Harwich Port as shown on the Harwich Assessors Sheet No. 7 as parcels F21 and F2 now held under the name of R. Leslie Munro et ux Lillian under deed dated January 12, 1953, and recorded in Barnstable County Deeds, said parcel to be used for a Town Bathing Beach.

Accepted and adopted as read. Unanimous standing vote. Yes 142. No 0.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for School purposes in whole or in part a certain parcel of land in Harwich Centre off Parallel Street and north of land now owned by the Town of Harwich, said land now held under the name of John H. Paine and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Standing vote. Yes 135. No 2.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for school purposes in whole or in part a certain parcel of land in Harwich Centre off Parallel Street and north of land now owned by the Town of Harwich, said land now held under the name of Bertha H. Chase.

Accepted and adopted. Unanimous standing vote. Yes 144 No 0.

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN TOWN OF HARWICH—1953

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
<b>1952</b>				
<b>December:</b>				
1.	6	Kathleen Gricius	Boston, Mass.	Frederick A. Gricius Laura D. Christofori
<b>1953</b>				
<b>January:</b>				
2.	8	Edward Gerard Taylor	Barnstable, Mass.	John Joseph Taylor Mary Patricia Doane
3.	13	David George Gardner	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Douglas Gardner Doris Laurie Tarnasky
4.	22	Sandra Louise Kelley	Barnstable, Mass.	Albert Ernest Kelley Patricia Marion McHugh
5.	23	Loris Lucille Dumont	Barnstable, Mass.	Joseph Arthur Dumont Helena Furniss Ellis
6.	24	Alfred LaMontagne	Barnstable, Mass.	Gerard Maurice LaMontagne Dorris Mae Baker
7.	24	Darrell LaMontagne	Barnstable, Mass.	Gerard Maurice LaMontagne Dorris Mae Baker
8.	26	Stephen Bruce Williams	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert Francis Williams Ruth Alden Ryder
<b>February:</b>				
9.	1	Jay Robert Speakman	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert David Speakman Audrey Freeman Love
10.	4	Deborah Marie Gray	Barnstable, Mass.	Douglas Francis Gray Dolores Deborah Deatte
11.	10	Cynthia Alice McKenney	Barnstable, Mass.	Leland Herbert McKenney Susan Inez Higgins
12.	12	Danny Bruce Monteiro	Barnstable, Mass.	Frank Monteiro Adeline Fernandes
13.	14	Valerie Louise Sutphin	Barnstable, Mass.	Paul Keith Sutphin Cynthia Frances Nunes



## BIRTHS—Continued

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
14.	20	Biddle Reeves Thompson, 3rd.	Barnstable, Mass.	Biddle Reeves Thompson, Jr. Mary Jean Morris
15.	27	Male Daluz	Barnstable, Mass.	John Z. Daluz Eva Baptiste Perry
<b>March:</b>				
16.	3	George Leonard Collard	Barnstable, Mass.	George Leonard Collard Ruth Nelson Skinner
17.	10	Richard Earl Chase, Jr.	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard Earl Chase Marion Emiline Joep
18.	26	Kathleen Ellen Norton	Boston, Mass.	Joseph P. Norton Kathleen Connors
19.	28	Andrea Louise Turcotte	Barnstable, Mass.	Oliver Carroll Turcotte Lois Hunt
<b>April:</b>				
20.	3	Daniel Perry Lamson	Barnstable, Mass.	Daniel Perry Lamson Irene Jane Boissonneau
21.	11	Vicki Sue Nikula	Harwich, Mass.	Vaner James Nikula Maxine Beatrice Orton
22.	19	Betty Lou Siebenmann	Barnstable, Mass.	Marshall Siebenmann, Jr. Norma Elizabeth Bloomer
23.	21	Judith Marie Morgan	Barnstable, Mass.	Russell Benton Morgan Marie Gabrielle Beaudet
24.	24	Darcie Miriam Chase	Barnstable, Mass.	George Howard Chase Mirjam Edith Teresa Jokinen
25.	27	Deborah Ann Appleton	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard Felton Appleton Ruth Theresa Aylmer
26.	29	Margaret May Long	Barnstable, Mass.	LeRoy Warren Long Theokte Irene Vagenas
<b>May:</b>				
27.	1	Mary Ellen Nunes	Barnstable, Mass.	Roger Nunes, Jr. Lucille Virginia Raneo

28.	9	Steven Craig Kelley	Bourne, Mass.	Isaiah Kelley
29.	16	Noella Marie Vagenas	Barnstable, Mass.	Margaret Irene Kelley
30.	16	William David Crowell	Barnstable, Mass.	Tryphonas William Vagenas
31.	29	Stephen Francis Caplice	Barnstable, Mass.	Noella Marie Chicoine
32.	29	Mary Elizabeth Craffey	Barnstable, Mass.	Frederick William Crowell, Jr.
33.	29	Paul Dana Harrison	Barnstable, Mass.	Carolyn Murial Grayson
<b>June:</b>				John Francis Caplice
34.	19	Stephen Adams Drake	Barnstable, Mass.	Dorothy Smith Dunlay
35.	29	Karen Sue Hamilton	Barnstable, Mass.	Joseph Edward Craffey
<b>July:</b>				Doris Marie Duffy
36.	3	Christopher Norris Allen	Barnstable, Mass.	Frank Anthony Harrison
37.	6	Kenneth Emerson Adams	Barnstable, Mass.	Celia Foster
38.	17	Arthur Allen Eldridge	Barnstable, Mass.	Kenneth Burd Drake
39.	17	Darleen Ann Wilkey	Barnstable, Mass.	Ruth Henderson Whitney
40.	28	Female Runnels	Barnstable, Mass.	Melford Butler Hamilton
41.	28	Albert Louis Watson	Barnstable, Mass.	Lorraine Eldredge
<b>August:</b>				Norris Eugene Allen
42.	11	Beverly Jane Roderick	Barnstable, Mass.	Joyce Hawkins Merrick
43.	24	Denise Ellen Thomas	Barnstable, Mass.	Bertram Crapey Adams
				Mary Pauline Williams
				Raymond Dean Eldridge
				June Elizabeth Bassett
				Edward Roy Wilkey
				Shirley Ann Emery
				Ernest Pierce Runnels
				Janet Frances Hibbert
				Albert Louis Watson
				Winnifred Marion Munsey
				Moses Pena Roderick
				Anna Dias Monteiro
				Charles Herbert Thomas
				Arlene Mae Kelley

## BIRTHS—Continued

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
44.	31	John Clayton Doucette	Barnstable, Mass.	James Alfred Doucette Sylvia Ernestine Higgins
<b>September:</b>				
45.	1	Martha Ann Wallen	Barnstable, Mass.	Stewart Baldwin Wallen Ann Allison Messenger
46.	9	Scott Allan Witherell	Barnstable, Mass.	Douglas Allan Witherell Mary Keith Robinson
47.	18	Cindy Lou Young	Barnstable, Mass.	Edric Young Elizabeth Edwina Manchester
48.	23	Cheryl Joan Barros	Barnstable, Mass.	George Monterio Barros Agnes Galvin
49.	28	Paula Dawn Whitehead	Barnstable, Mass.	Donald Lorne Whitehead Joan Whiteley
<b>October:</b>				
50.	5	Deborah Ann Thayer	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert Oscello Thayer Ellen May Salley
51.	8	Jeffrey Leonard Rose	Barnstable, Mass.	Manuel Francis Rose Rose Dominga Santos
52.	16	Ctephen Craig Nunes	Barnstable, Mass.	Norman Nunes Donna Stella Lombard
53.	17	Alfred Gomes	Barnstable, Mass.	Manuel Alvah Gomes Beatrice Lopes
54.	23	Leigh Johnson	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard Emery Johnson Janet Sandra Kinsley
55.	28	Stephen Robert McCarthy	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert Edward McCarthy Olive Myrtle Stackpole
56.	29	Robert Bernard Long	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard Bassett Long, Sr. Anna Mary Psillas
<b>November:</b>				
57.	1	Craig Robert Borden	Barnstable, Mass.	Perry Allison Borden Margaret Theresa Foley



58.	6	John Scott Hall	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Albert Hall
59.	10	William Davis Ormond	Barnstable, Mass.	Jacqueline May Holmes
60.	25	Patricia Lee Gavin	Barnstable, Mass.	John Joseph Ormond, Jr.
61.	25	Laurie Ann Curtis	Barnstable, Mass.	Rita Cavanaugh
62.	26	Pamela Anne Arsenault	Barnstable, Mass.	Kenneth Louis Arthur Gavin
63.	27	Scott Wayne Robinson	Barnstable, Mass.	Barbara Ann McGregor
December:				Robert Henry Curtis
64.	3	Judy Lee Greenough	Barnstable, Mass.	Dorothy Lillian Fulcher
65.	8	Michael Everett Ellis	Barnstable, Mass.	Oscar Wilfred Arsenault
66.	9	Joanne Amy Josselyn	Barnstable, Mass.	Patricia Ann Ostby
67.	11	Stephanie Jeanne Winston	Barnstable, Mass.	Wayne Herbert Robinson
68.	23	(Stillborn) Julin	Barnstable, Mass.	Evelyn Ruth Eldridge
69.	23	(Male) Julin	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert Gowin Greenough
70.	29	(Male) Handren	Barnstable, Mass.	Patricia Goodridge
March:				Everett Harold Ellis
71.	18	Cathleen Alyce Davenport	Barnstable, Mass.	Evelyn Lorraine Eldredge
June:				Richard Carleton Josselyn
72.	4	Cheryl Mae Grace	Barnstable, Mass.	Gail Constance Harding
				Eugene Harrington Winston, Jr.
				Beverly Adrienne Brown
				Buddy Walter Julin
				Frances Elaine Witherell
				Buddy Walter Julin
				Frances Elaine Witherell
				John Roos Handren
				Dorothy Pearl Stetson
				Paul Henry Davenport
				Clara Elnora Linnell
				Julio Grace
				Charlotte Myles Piper

# MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF HARWICH—1953

No.	Date	Names	Age	Residence	Place of Marriage
<b>January:</b>					
1.	31	Joe H. Graham Elizabeth S. Kinsley	23 20	West Harwich, Mass. West Harwich, Mass.	Harwich Centre
<b>March:</b>					
2.	1	James Dustin Crowell Mary Louise Brett	69 72	Harwich Port, Mass. Yarmouth, Mass.	Harwich Port
<b>April:</b>					
3.	11	Emulous E. Hall, Jr. Ruth L. Fontaine	30 25	Harwich Center, Mass. Harwich Port, Mass.	Harwich Center
4.	15	Paul A. Fleury Barbara J. Neal	24 21	West Harwich, Mass. Ashville, N. C.	Dennis, Mass.
5.	25	John P. Roderick Jeanne Andrade Faria	39 37	Harwich Center Fall River, Mass.	Fall River, Mass.
<b>May:</b>					
6.	7	William G. Chase Claire MacEmernig Manguel	75 55	Harwich Port, Mass. West Barnstable, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
7.	9	Everett W. Robie Olive B. Munroe	18 15	S. Chatham, Mass. Harwich Port, Mass.	Chatham, Mass.
8.	10	Bruce Treadway Sprinkle Joan Marie Secord	24 20	West Harwich, Mass. Boston, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
9.	17	William R. Surprise Anne Goodridge	27 23	Harwich Port, Mass. West Harwich, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
10.	9	Kenneth F. Coulson Ruth A. Johnson	25 23	Harwich Center, Mass. Harwich Port, Mass.	Harwich Center
<b>June:</b>					
11.	6	Frank M. Eldredge Cynthia L. Holmes	23 18	Harwich Center, Mass. Harwich Center, Mass.	Harwich Center
12.	7	Elmer LeRoy Kennison Ethel Lillian Peterson	53 53	Harwich Center, Mass. Dennis Port, Mass.	Barnstable, Mass.
13.	8	Robert Wesley Grayson Barbara Ann Proctor	21 20	Harwich Center, Mass. Northampton, Mass.	Northampton, Mass.

14. 9 Charles K. Gerbrach
  15. 21 Sarah Lovejoy Metcalfe
  16. 21 Thompson Lee Holway
  17. 21 Jacqueline McAlpine
  18. 21 Kenneth W. O'Brien
  19. 28 Barbara M. Stalker
  20. Charles M. Johnson
  21. Judith M. Holmes
- July:**
18. 5 Philip S. Bailey, Jr.
  19. 4 Eleanor F. Hastings
  20. 5 Richard T. Locke
  21. 5 Cynthia V. Graser
  22. 26 Norman E. Holmes
  23. 27 Estelle P. Dame
  24. 27 Leopold P. Blum, 3rd.
  25. Elizabeth Ann Smith
  26. Anatole J. LaFrenaye
  27. Mary E. Hodgkinson Sweers
- August:**
23. 8 Walter Charles Peckham
  24. 10 Ann Nancy Cordo
  25. 12 John D. Fallon
  26. 15 Barbara Drake
  27. 15 Charles Gershom Hall
  28. 16 Mary Ellen Guerin
  29. 15 Benjamin Arthur Laird
  30. 15 Mary Annette Nickerson
  31. Jackman L. Stewart
  32. Carole Anne Nystrom
  33. 16 Ralph Sherman Perkins, Jr.
  34. 19 Dorothy Ann Russell
  35. 19 Cyrille Alexander LaPorte
  36. 20 Blanche Laub Cheezum
  37. 20 Winthrop E. Stone
  38. Callie Lane Shaver

- 38 Wenham, Mass.
  - 37 Wenham, Mass.
  - 19 North Truro, Mass.
  - 20 Dennis Port, Mass.
  - 23 Harwich Center, Mass.
  - 29 Harwich Port, Mass.
  - 23 N. Harwich, Mass.
  - 17 West Harwich, Mass.
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- 31 S. Harwich, Mass.
  - 28 Woburn, Mass.
  - 24 Needham, Mass.
  - 21 Needham, Mass.
  - 41 East Harwich, Mass.
  - 30 Harwich, Mass.
  - 22 Morristown, N. J.
  - 20 Harwich Port, Mass.
  - 48 Providence, R. I.
  - 43 Cumberland, R. I.
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- 21 Norwood, Mass.
  - 20 Norwood, Mass.
  - 29 Scarsdale, N. Y.
  - 20 Boonton, N. J.
  - 22 Harwich, Mass.
  - 23 Harwich, Mass.
  - 28 Fontano, Calif.
  - 21 Chatham, Mass.
  - 23 West Harwich, Mass.
  - 21 Worcester, Mass.
  - 23 Harwich Port, Mass.
  - 21 Waban, Mass.
  - 72 Little Neck, N. Y.
  - 63 Waltham, Mass.
  - 24 Portland, Maine
  - 25 Scranton, Penn.

- Harwich, Mass.
  - West Harwich, Mass.
  - Harwich, Mass.
  - Harwich Port, Mass.
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- West Harwich, Mass
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- Harwich Port, Mass.
  - Harwich Port, Mass.
  - Nashua, N. H.
  - East Harwich, Mass.
  - Worcester, Mass.
  - Newton, Mass.
  - Harwich, Mass.
  - Harwich Center, Mass.



# MARRIAGES—Continued

No.	Date	Names	Age	Residence	Place of Marriage
31.	22	George Edward Slye	22	Wellesley, Mass.	Harwich Center, Mass.
		Susan Giles Morrison	23	So. Chatham, Mass.	
32.	30	David Buckbinder	22	Pawtucket, R. I.	Harwich Port, Mass.
		Elaine Anne Dorval	20	Central Falls, R. I.	
<b>September:</b>					
33.	12	Henry Robert DeVries	24	Watertown, Conn.	West Harwich, Mass.
		Jane Patricia Cody	23	Arlington, Mass.	
34.	15	Burleigh Clifton Dixon	23	Dennis Port, Mass.	Harwich Center, Mass.
		Virginia Roberta Gwazdo	22	Dennis Port, Mass.	
35.	17	Edward F. Hartwell	39	Worcester, Mass.	Harwich Center, Mass.
		Marjorie A. Montgomery	36	Worcester, Mass.	
36.	26	Edward P. Bearse	26	Chatham, Mass.	Pleasant Lake, Mass.
		Ruth H. Taylor (Eldredge)	26	Pleasant Lake, Mass.	
<b>October:</b>					
37.	10	Roswell H. Nye, Jr.	28	Harwich Port, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
		Roberta J. Christopher	22	Riverside, Calif.	
38.	16	Walter D. Wade	27	West Harwich, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
		Doris E. North	19	Watertown, Mass.	
39.	24	Earl Gibson	26	West Hartford, Conn.	Harwich Port, Mass.
		Marcia Goodwin	24	Hartford, Conn.	
40.	24	Ernest Andrew	29	Falmouth, Mass.	Harwich Center, Mass.
		Margaret Lopes	36	Harwich, Mass.	
41.	24	Charles Philip Smith	21	Harwich Port, Mass.	New London, N. H.
		Barbara Ann Holteen	21	New London, N. H.	
<b>November:</b>					
42.	7	William F. Parady	27	Bourne, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
		Sally Harper	23	West Harwich, Mass.	
43.	8	Claude Bullard	24	Clarkrange, Tenn.	Harwich, Mass.
		Doris J. Marcellino	20	Harwich, Mass.	
44.	13	Courtland Everett Kelley	22	Chatham, Mass.	Barnstable, Mass.
		Joyce E. Coulson	21	Harwich, Mass.	

45. 14 Eric W. Perkins
  46. 21 Margaret Waterman Miller
  47. 23 Joseph Fernandez, Jr.
  48. 26 Mary Lomba Lopes Pena
  49. 28 Harmon F. Beck
  50. 5 Marie E. Doyle
  51. 5 George V. Johnson 3rd
  52. 8 Gail Louise Rockwood
  53. 13 David H. Armbuster
  54. 28 Marguerite Eileen Morton
- December:**
50. 5 Herbert Gray Eldridge
  51. 5 Nancy Carol Meservey
  52. 5 Roland Everett Ryder
  53. 8 Ruth M. Williams
  54. 13 George N. Vagenas
  55. 20 Marlene E. Miller
  56. 28 Benjamin E. Drootin
  57. 13 Elaine Eklof
  58. 13 Joel Murray Snyder
  59. 20 Lillian Margaret Marks
  60. 28 Joel Thomas Sundelin
  61. 28 Ruth Ann Usher
  62. 28 Roy Conklin Blaney
  63. Anne Perisho

- 38 Harwich, Mass.
- 39 Yarmouth, Mass.
- 69 Harwich, Mass.
- 63 No. Harwich, Mass.
- 19 Harwich Center, Mass.
- 27 Harwich Center, Mass.
- 19 No. Harwich, Mass.
- 18 W. Harwich, Mass.
- 29 New York, N. Y.
- 29 Harwich, Mass.
- 21 Brewster, Mass.
- 17 Harwich, Mass.
- 28 Harwich, Mass.
- 29 Oak Bluffs, Mass.
- 22 Harwich Port, Mass.
- 21 Harwich Port, Mass.
- 32 Boston, Mass.
- 21 Harwich Center, Mass.
- 42 Falmouth, Mass.
- 20 Falmouth, Mass.
- 26 W. Barnstable, Mass.
- 21 W. Harwich, Mass.
- 31 Provincetown, Mass.
- 22 West Harwich, Mass.

- Barnstable, Mass.
- Harwich, Mass.
- Harwich Center, Mass.
- Harwich Center, Mass.
- Newton, Mass.
- Harwich Center, Mass.
- Oak Bluffs, Mass.
- West Harwich, Mass.
- Boston, Mass.
- West Harwich, Mass.
- Barnstable, Mass.
- West Harwich, Mass.

# DEATHS RECORDED IN TOWN OF HARWICH—1953

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No.	Date	Name	Age	Disease	Place of Death
<b>January:</b>					
1.	12	John Norris Kelley	85	Coronary Occlusion	West Harwich
2.	21	Iver Hall	46	Idopathic Epilepsy	Barnstable
3.	28	Alexander K. Wilkinson	76	Coronary Thrombosis	Barnstable
4.	31	Cora Atkinson Wilson	68	Coronary Occlusion	S. Harwich
5.	6	Joshua G. Ryder	86	Auto Accident	Taunton, Mass.
6.	29	John J. Erickson	77	Chronic Nephritis	Barnstable
7.	8	Linwood C. Chase	63	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Spencer, Mass.
<b>February:</b>					
8.	3	Ralph L. Stewart	56	Metastatic Carcinoma	Boston, Mass.
9.	5	Kathryn Yates Morris	57	Acute cardiac decompensation	Harwich Port
10.	7	Deborah Crowell Phillips	87	Cerebral hemorrhage	Yarmouth, Mass.
11.	15	Albert Webster Nickerson	73	Cerebral hemorrhage	Barnstable
12.	17	Etta Elizabeth Cash	87	Arterio sclerotic Myocarditis	Lexington, Mass.
13.	19	Agnes Imogene Newell Chase	76	Cerebral Thrombosis	Bourne, Mass.
14.	23	Henry Isaac Coulson	53	Coronary Thrombosis	Harwich Center
15.	27	..... DeLuze		Stillborn	Barnstable
16.	21	James Pine	67	Myocardial infarction	Boston, Mass.
<b>March:</b>					
17.	18	Albert Palmateer	83	Senile Arterio sclerosis	Barnstable
18.	19	Nathaniel Doane	87	Pneumonitis	Bourne, Mass.
19.	24	Louie E. Stanly	72	Cerebral hemorrhage	Taunton, Mass.
20.	23	John Raneo	74	Pulmonary embolism	Barnstable
<b>April:</b>					
21.	7	Harry Keller	55	Toxic Psychosis	Taunton, Mass.
22.	18	Katherine M. Hoole	67	Cerebral hemorrhage	Harwich Port
23.	29	Grace L. Studwell	63	Cardiac failure	West Harwich
<b>May:</b>					
24.	14	Joseph Gomes	65	Cerebral hemorrhage	Bourne, Mass.
25.	18	Edward A. Kendrick	43	Suicide	East Harwich
26.	23	Israel Nickerson Paine	78	Carcinoma Gall Bladder	Bourne, Mass.





# DEATHS—Continued

No.	Date	Name	Age	Disease	Place of Death
<b>December:</b>					
56.	2	Eva Mertis Cahoon	77	Acute Gastroenteritis	North Harwich
57.	4	Joshua Carleton Nickerson	88	Cerebral vascular accident	Barnstable
58.	7	Catherine Lillian Nickerson	52	Rheumatic heart	Bourne, Mass.
59.	8	Charles Dean Hall	84	Congestive heart failure	Barnstable
60.	10	Albert A. Baker	86	Coronary thrombosis	West Harwich
61.	22	Annie Lobley	59	Chronic Myocarditis	South Harwich
62.	23	(Male) Julin		Stillborn	Barnstable
63.	26	Clifton Everett Stalker	51	Rheumatic heart	Harwich Port
64.	26	Minnie Hill Higgins	67	Chronic Myocarditis	South Harwich
65.	27	(Male) Julin		Prematurity	Barnstable
66.	31	Thomas Arthur Seabrook	74	Coronary occlusion	Harwich Port

## BODIES BROUGHT TO HARWICH FOR BURIAL—1953

No.	Date	Name	Age	Disease	Place of Burial
<b>January:</b>					
1.	25	Joseph A. Cahoon	32	Accident	Mt. Pleasant, H.P.
2.	30	James Richard Ginn	65	Cerebral hemorrhage	Pine Grove, W.H.
<b>February:</b>					
3.	7	Obed Stanton Baxter	86	Bronchopneumonia	Cong. Church Cemetery, H.C.
4.	21	William Fleming	60	Uremia	Pine Grove, W.H.
<b>March:</b>					
5.	21	Grace Eleanore Allison	55	Carcinoma Pleura	Mt. Pleasant, H.P.
6.	25	Prince Hall Bassett	72	Suicide	Island Pond, H.C.
7.	26	Sparrow Randolph Young	60	Coronary Thrombosis	Evergreen, E.H.
<b>April:</b>					
8.	2	Susie Crocker Nickerson	87	Cerebral hemorrhage	Evergreen, E.H.
9.	17	Clara Phoebe Ferguson	74	Coronary occlusion	Mt. Pleasant, H.P.





**Report**  
**of the**  
**School Committee**  
**and the**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

**For the Year Ending**  
**December 31, 1953**

**ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 1953**

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Channing N. Baker, Chairman	Term Expires 1954
Mrs. Margaret Leonard, Secretary	Term Expires 1955
E. Gorham Nickerson	Term Expires 1956

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Herbert E. Hoyt, A.M.

**SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE**

Edward E. Taylor

**SCHOOL PHYSICIANS**

Arthur J. D'Elia, M.D.  
Norris G. Orchard, M.D.

**SCHOOL NURSE**

Adelyn J. Peabody, R.N.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Expended 1953	Needed 1954
General Control:		
Superintendent of Schools		
Enforcement of Law—		
Salaries	\$4,250.00	
Other expenses of General Control	893.97	
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	\$5,143.97	\$5,510.00
Instruction:		
Supervisors	\$6,327.79	
Principals and Teachers	84,863.66	
Textbooks	2,000.74	
Supplies	3,791.54	
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	\$96,983.73	109,029.00
Operation:		
Janitors	\$8,485.04	
Fuel	5,124.08	
Miscellaneous (Electricity,		
Gas, Janitor Supplies)	4,343.41	
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	\$17,952.53	20,195.00
Maintenance:		
Repairs, Replacement and Upkeep	3,019.35	3,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies:		
Libraries	\$508.44	
Health—Nurse & Supplies	868.65	
Transportation	9,982.80	
Miscellaneous: (Graduation,		
Telephone, Rubbish disposal,		
Teachers' expenses, etc.)	1,396.51	
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	\$12,756.40	15,675.00
Outlay:		
New Grounds and Buildings		
New Equipment	1,065.78	1,350.00
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Totals	\$136,921.76	\$154,759.00
Appropriation—1953	\$136,855.00	
Refunds	68.29	
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	\$136,923.29	
Expenditure—1953	136,921.76	
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	\$1.53	

## NET COST OF SCHOOLS—1953

Expenditure		\$136,921.76
Accounts Receivable:		
School Funds and State Aid Chapter 70	\$16,482.41	
Transportation—Chapter 71	5,098.84	
City of Boston:		
Tuition and Transportation	454.92	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Tuition and Transportation	414.18	
Rental of High School Auditorium	20.00	
Miscellaneous (Shop materials to Pupils, Lost Books, etc.)	60.94	
Telephone Refunds:		
Town of Chatham	130.00	
Town of Eastham	38.85	
Town of Orleans	87.68	
		22,787.82
Net Cost—1953		\$114,133.94

## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACCOUNT—1953

Appropriation—1953	\$500.00
Carried over from 1952	100.51
Receipts—1953	677.25
	\$1,277.76
Expended—1953	752.02
	\$525.74
Carried over to 1954 available funds	\$500.00
Requested for 1954	

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION—1953

1953 Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Expended	253.90
	\$746.10
Received on account of Vocational Education for the year ending August 31, 1952	\$370.47
Requested for 1954	\$1,000.00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation—1953	\$450.00
Expended	450.00
Requested for 1954	\$450.00

## SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS—1953

## High School

	Receipts	Expense
Carried forward from 1952	\$2,461.02	
Sales of School Lunches—1953	5,838.19	
Federal Subsidies—1953	1,749.95	
Salaries		\$2,357.75
Equipment		100.13
Food & Supplies		4,792.24
Totals	\$10,049.16	\$7,250.12



## Elementary School

Carried forward from 1952	\$1,809.23	
Sales of School Lunches—1953	12,060.71	
Federal Subsidies—1953	3,752.75	
Visiting Nurse Association—1953	242.25	
Salaries		\$4,767.14
Equipment		542.04
Food & Supplies		11,390.33
Totals	\$17,864.94	\$16,699.51

### REPORT OF THE JOHNSON-ULM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Total of Fund		\$35,000.00
Working fund, January 1, 1953	\$835.51	
March dividend	437.50	
April Interest	5.29	
July Refund	50.00	
September dividend	437.50	
October interest	12.23	
	\$1,778.03	1,778.03
		\$36,778.03
Expended for Scholarships		950.00
Statement of account as of Dec. 31, 1953		\$35,828.03

Tuition scholarships have been granted to the following persons for the school year 1953-1954.

Edna Baker	Wheaton College
Mary Belle Barker	Bridgewater College
Sally Boynton	Fitchburg College
Estrid Eklof	Boston University
Marilyn Hanson	Framingham College
Elaine Hopkins	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Josephine Keefe	Mt. St. Mary College
Marjorie Leonard	Bridgewater College
Charles Monterio	Boston University
Patricia Tobey	Bates College

PAUL A. MORRIS, Chairman  
 CHANNING N. BAKER  
 MRS. E. JAMES LEONARD  
 E. GORHAM NICKERSON  
 HERBERT E. HOYT, Secretary  
 Johnson-Ulm Memorial  
 Scholarship Committee

## Report of the School Committee

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To the Citizens of Harwich:

Mr. Channing Baker was elected chairman, and Mrs. Margaret Leonard secretary at the February meeting of the School Committee. We have met twice a month during the year, and had special meetings as often as necessary. We have also met with the Union School Committee twice this past year.

The problem of increased enrollment and the solution was one of great concern, and the committee was grateful to the townspeople for voting an addition to our building to take care of our housing needs. We are in hopes that this addition will be ready for occupancy in September, so that we may not have to resort to double sessions for some of the grades.

The crowded condition which now exists in the elementary school will reach the High School by 1958, and the committee is in favor of giving a regional High School a great deal of consideration.

With the retirement of Mrs. Clarence Nickerson, principal of the Elementary School in June, and Mr. Paul A. Morris, Principal of the High School in November causing vacancies, the committee met with Superintendent Herbert E. Hoyt and interviewed candidates for these positions. Mr. Benjamin J. Bump was elected to replace Mrs. Nickerson, and Mr. Chauncey MacKay was elected to replace Mr. Morris.

An additional music supervisor was recommended by the Union School Committee, and Mr. Salvatore Piccolo was elected to this position. He will have charge of the instrumental program and will develop school orchestras, and also a Union orchestra or band.

We refer you to the reports of Mr. Hoyt, and the reports of the supervisors, because we believe that they present a clear picture of our schools and their accomplishments. The growth in our school population means a growth in our school

budget, and we, as a committee, realize the importance of our work to provide the best education and to spend wisely the funds appropriated for this purpose.

Our teachers, through their organization, the Harwich Teachers' Association, have approached the School Committee with a salary schedule they would like to have adopted. We have met with the teachers' committee several times, and have their proposed schedule under consideration.

We take this opportunity to thank the townspeople for their cooperation with us in our effort to give the town the best possible return educationally for the money they invest in our school system.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING N. BAKER  
MARGARET LEONARD  
E. GORHAM NICKERSON  
Harwich School Committee

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## Superintendent's Report

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Harwich:

I take pleasure in submitting my seventh annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

For the last several years, the country-wide growth in school population together with increased costs have accentuated certain problems which have been discussed in every annual school report. The most pressing of these problems have been the ever-increasing need for more space, the growing shortage of teachers due to the fact that we need more and more teachers each year as our numbers increase and that fewer young people are entering the teaching profession because of more attractive financial returns in other fields, and the increased cost of education with its resulting burden of tax on real estate.

In Harwich, we have gone a long way toward solving our problems, but the following pages will show that we must not rest complacent in the belief that we have solved all of them.



## SPACE NEEDS

The completion of the new elementary addition will solve space needs at that level for many years to come., but we should keep in mind that we have relieved the high school problem by housing the seventh grade in the Brooks Building. The seventh grade will be housed in the elementary building, but eventually space needs for the first six grades will make it necessary to return the seventh grade to the high school which will necessitate increased facilities at that level. The following table shows the enrollment of the various grades at the time this report is being written, and each year moves the grades along one position on the chart. Our pre-school census indicates that our first graders will number from 75-85 children, so the figure of 80 has been taken as an estimate. At present, we are using 15 classrooms for grades 1-7 plus 1 room for our special class, and each year as we enter classes requiring three divisions, we shall need one more class room. This means that by the fall of 1958 we must make other provisions for the seventh grade.

By using the small art room and the laboratory at the high school, we shall have room enough until 1958. While the special needs mentioned in previous reports—a central library, an adequate gymnasium, and a modern science laboratory—are important, our accommodations will suffice until 1958.

Grade	1953-54	54-55	55-56	56-57	57-58	58-59	59-60
1	85	80	80	80	80	80	80
2	64	85	80	80	80	80	80
3	56	64	85	80	80	80	80
4	52	56	64	85	80	80	80
5	52	52	56	64	85	80	80
6	57	52	52	56	64	85	80
7	42	57	52	52	56	64	85
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8	42	42	57	52	52	56	64
9	42	42	42	57	52	52	56
10	31	42	42	42	57	52	52
11	35	31	42	42	42	57	52
12	29	35	31	42	42	42	57
Rooms Needed	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
High	8	9	9	10	10	10	10
Elem.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

## Rooms Available:

High: 5 large rooms with capacity of 35  
 3 small rooms with capacity of 20  
 1 Art room  
 1 Laboratory

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Elem.: 20 regular rooms  
 1 all-purpose room

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## FINANCE

Each year the annual school report has contained a table comparing school cost over a five year period.

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953*
Total cost of schools—					
\$121,885.52	\$127,663.83	\$117,807.16	\$136,509.06	\$136,800.00	
Reimbursements—					
33,767.20	27,086.69	17,306.74	20,487.53	22,300.00	
Net Cost to Town—					
88,118.23	100,577.14	100,500.42	116,021.53	114,500.00	
Valuation of Town—					
9,746,480.00	10,463,530.00	11,273,720.00	12,281,040.00	12,500,000.00	
Tax for Schools—					
9.02	9.70	8.91	9.45	9.16	
No. of Pupils, Oct. 1—					
480	507	530	543	591	
Gross Cost per Pupil—					
253.92	251.80	222.32	251.40	231.47	
Net Cost per Pupil—					
183.58	198.37	189.62	213.67	193.74	

\* Since this report is written in November, these figures are estimates.

A cursory study of this table will show that our school costs have increased in proportion to other costs. A more careful study will show that our valuation has increased so rapidly that the tax for schools has not increased appreciably during the last five years. It will also show that our increased enrollment has kept our per pupil cost down to a reasonable figure.

The total cost for schools in 1953 is about the same as in 1952 because of the fact that in 1952 we had heavy expenses for the re-conditioning of Brooks Building. Our budget for 1954 will show a larger increase because of the necessity of



opening two more rooms, larger expenditures for books and supplies, and an increase in salaries. If we are to attract and hold good teachers in Harwich, we must pay adequate salaries. For the last several years, we have had a rapid turnover in teachers, and while there have been many reasons for losing these teachers, salary has been a contributing factor.

## PERSONNEL

The retirement of both Principal Paul A. Morris and Principal Ethalene Nickerson, together with several resignations in each school resulted in a 40% turnover in our faculty.

Mr. Benjamin J. Bump, our new elementary school principal, is a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers' College and is at present working for his master's degree from the same college. He has taught and served as principal in the schools of Middleboro, Hanson, Whitman, Lakeville, and Natick.

Miss Maude Chase of Eastham was employed as teacher of Grade 1. She is a graduate of the Bridgewater State Teachers' College and taught in Greenfield for two years. Mrs. Hazel Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth MacArthur teach the two divisions of the second grade. Mrs. Knight holds both B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Boston University and has studied at Bridgewater State Teachers' College and at Harvard. She has taught in several Massachusetts communities, and was formerly Elementary Supervisor in the town of Barnstable. Mrs. MacArthur is a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers' College and has had several years of teaching experience in the schools of Wayland and Foxboro. Miss Elizabeth Baker who teaches grade 5 is a graduate of Emmanuel College. She is a resident of Yarmouth and did her practice teaching in Yarmouth High School. Mr. John Smith was elected to teach in the departmentalized 6th and 7th grades at Brooks Academy. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Boston University and taught one year in Worthington, Massachusetts. Because of the increase in numbers in the 7th grade, Mrs. Anders Nelson has been employed to teach a second division. Mrs. Nelson taught in Harwich for several years prior to her marriage.

Mr. Chauncey MacKay was elected to replace Mr. Morris as principal of the High School. Mr. MacKay holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from Boston University and has served as principal and science teacher at Wellfleet, Merrimac, and Littleton. Mr. Charles E. Dunbar was elected to replace Mr. Bailey as boys' Physical education teacher and coach. Mr. Dunbar was graduated from Boston University in



1950 and had two years of experience at Perkins Institute. The girls' Physical education teacher and coach is Mrs. Joanne F. Brooks, a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers' College in 1951 with two years of experience at the Norton High School. Mr. Ronald Dunn, a graduate of Boston University in the class of '52 did his practice teaching at Lynn English High School. He is teaching history and English. Miss Linette Trianjolo is our new commercial teacher. She is a graduate of the Bryant College in Providence.

Miss O'Toole, our Art Supervisor, resigned and was replaced by Mr. C. Leo Ferris, a graduate of the Vesper George School of Art. Mr. Ferris taught art in Nantucket for five years prior to coming to the Cape.

The rapid growth in the towns of Union #19 has made it necessary to add a second instrumental music teacher to our supervisory staff. The new supervisor will be responsible for the whole program, but will devote his time to the high schools, while Mr. Gricius works in the elementary schools. The aim is to develop an orchestra in each school and a Union orchestra and band for all the towns of this Union. Mr. Salavatore Piccolo who was elected to this position is a graduate of the Molkin Conservatory of Music. He had several years of experience in Foxboro, Mansfield, and East Millinocket, Maine. For four years prior to coming to the Cape he was Supervisor of Music in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

### REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

In addition to the routine repair items, the two-room commercial suite has been modernized and improved. The old fixed furniture has been removed and replaced with furniture better adapted for the work in these rooms. Mr. Halligan did a fine job of refinishing the floors in these rooms, and this work, together with the painting done a year ago, plus the new furniture has resulted in an attractive, efficient commercial department. The increased participation in typewriting made it necessary to increase the number of typewriters and to move them into the larger of the two rooms, leaving the other for smaller commercial classes. All of the duplicating machines have been moved into this department and are available for teaching purposes. During the next few years we hope to add other machines such as an electric typewriter and a dictaphone in order that the pupils may become familiar with all types of machines used in a modern office.

It was also necessary to purchase new equipment for the elementary school and the Brooks Building because of increased enrollment.

## HOT LUNCH

It is doubtful whether many people realize that the hot lunch program has grown into a \$15,000.00 business in the elementary school and an \$8,000.00 business in the high school. Mrs. Ellis and her helpers at the elementary school and Mrs. Long and Mrs. Regan at the high school deserve much credit for the efficient manner in which they conduct their departments. Not only do they serve appetizing, balanced meals which meet the requirements of 1/3 to 1/2 the daily nutrient requirements of a child for the nominal charge of .25 per meal, but they have been doing this for the last several years without asking for any appropriation from the town. Examination of the financial reports of both programs through November 1 will show that both have a slight profit and a sufficiently large balance so that again no appropriation will be requested.

## Elementary School:

Balance brought forward for 1952	\$2,476.11	
Receipts January 1—November 1, 1953	\$12,885.94	
		\$15,362.05
Expenditures January 1— November 1, 1953		12,767.46
Balance November 1, 1953		\$2,594.59

## High School:

Balance brought forward from 1952	\$2,757.30	
Receipts January 1—November 1, 1953	6,136.81	
		\$8,894.11
Expenditures January 1— November 1, 1953		5,961.64
Balance, November 1, 1953		\$2,932.47

Of course, it would be impossible to show the favorable balance if it were not for the fact that the Federal Government subsidizes this program at the rate of .09 per meal and also gives the schools large amounts of surplus commodities. It would appear to be poor management to carry such large balances, but this is necessary because our Federal subsidy checks are always several months in arrears and we need working capital while waiting for these payments.



## CONCLUSION

In closing, I call your attention to the other reports and statistical tables. Careful reading of these will give a clear picture of your school department. No mention has been made of the Audubon Nature Study or the Driver Education Course, because these have become an accepted part of our school program and are understood and approved by all. I call your attention to the report of Mr. Piccolo concerning the high school instrumental program. Both Mr. Piccolo and Mr. Gricius are working hard toward the development of individual town orchestras and a Union orchestra. The rising interest in instrumental music made it necessary to hire a second insstrumental supervisor and we expect to have orchestras which will be outstanding in this area.

This has been a successful year. The School Committee has devoted many hours to the careful consideration of all problems and no decisions have been reached until all aspects of the case have been considered. The teachers have given their best to their jobs and our schools have run smoothly. The high school ran smoothly and efficiently for three months without a principal. Mr. LeClaire and Mr. Nelson are to be congratulated for their work as co-principals during this period and the rest of the faculty for their splendid co-operation.

We who are directly connected with the important business of education realize that nothing could be accomplished without the active support of the citizens of the town. That we have had this support is evident in the fact that during the last few years the Town of Harwich has spent \$825,000.00 to provide adequate elementary school space needs. We are doing, and shall continue to do everything in our power to develop the best possible educational program for the children of Harwich.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. HOYT

Superintendent



## Report of the Principal of the High School

As I write this report, I have been associated with the Harwich High School for just four days. Obviously, during that brief period I have been unable to learn very much concerning the progress of the high school during the past year.

On Friday, November 20, I completed my service with the Littleton High School. Monday, November 23, found me in Harwich. I came into a school which had been organized and started over two months before. I knew neither the faculty nor the students. I was not acquainted with the procedures or the customs. As a result I feel unable to render the usual principal's report. Rather, I have chosen to report upon some observations of the past few days.

I found the high school running smoothly. Important to me was the fact that apparently everyone knew what to do and when to do it. This is a compliment to the acting principals, Mr. LeClaire and Mr. Nelson, who had carried on until my arrival. They had together made the many necessary decisions and had attended to matters which required attention.

I consider that the faculty of the high school deserve to be complimented. The teacher is the school. Modern school plants and abundant facilities aid the capable teacher in his or her work. I have read from previous town reports and have been otherwise informed that past graduates have done exceedingly well. This is distinct evidence of the effective teaching of the high school faculty.

I must confess that I am not yet sufficiently informed to report on many aspects of the various departments and activities of the high school. I have been impressed however, with the enthusiasm and co-operation of the student council. Here is an organization in which the student members have the opportunity to manage and supervise their own activities. The student council in the high school has been organized only since September yet is well on the way toward becoming a forceful influence in democratic student participation in

school affairs. In no better way may students learn to conduct themselves properly than by actual practice such as is gained in this organization. I congratulate the student council upon an excellent beginning toward what should become increased participation, with consequent responsibilities, in school government.

The facilities of the Household Arts Department are unusually fine especially for a school the size of Harwich High School. I consider it wise to provide all the opportunities possible for those taking this course.

I have already observed that the library facilities are not adequate. The library should be in a room where it can be supervised and properly cared for. Adequate high school library facilities are invaluable in providing enriching material to the class room work.

The Science Department requires equipment for laboratory work. It is impossible at present to find sufficient equipment so that the students may individually perform the necessary experiments.

It has been brought to my attention that there are not separate showers for boys and girls. This is most unfortunate. This situation should be remedied as soon as possible.

This report would be incomplete without tribute to the excellent work of Mr. Paul A. Morris, my predecessor. His guidance and administrative ability must have been of the highest quality for the Harwich High School reflects his influence in a most commendable way. From the results that I have observed, Mr. Morris has reason to be proud of his work as he left it.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. MacKay

Principal of the High School



## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The question, "What's wrong with our schools?", arises so often that it seems as if we should speak of some of the things that are RIGHT with our schools.

We have a modern twelve room building staffed by an excellent corps of teachers of whom the citizens of Harwich have good reason to be proud.

Our school has caught the "Disease" of overcrowdedness but the people of this town have been farsighted enough to take care of these conditions by voting to add ten more classrooms and an all purpose room to the present building. Completion of this addition is promised by September 1954.

A School Safety Patrol has been organized to help promote good citizenship and safety. Girls as well as boys are members of the patrol and their duties range from messenger service to playground safety supervision and lunchroom assistance. The Massachusetts Safety Council is sponsor of the project.

The highly capable lunchroom staff, under the direction of Mrs. Agnes Ellis, serves approximately 250 lunches daily. Not only are our own students cared for, but the lunches are also prepared here for consumption at Brooks Academy.

Our lunchroom serves Class A and Class C lunches which must meet the requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of School Lunch Programs.

A Class A lunch consists of:

- (a) One half pint whole unflavored milk.
- (b) Two ounces of fresh or processed meat, poultry, cooked or canned fish or cheese; or four tablespoons of peanut butter; or one egg.
- (c) Six ounces of raw, cooked or canned vegetables and/or fruit.
- (d) One portion of bread, muffins, or other hot bread made of whole-grain cereal or enriched flour.
- (e) Two teaspoons of butter or fortified margarine.

A Class C lunch consists of one half pint whole unflavored milk.



We are charging .25 for a Class A lunch and .05 for a Class C lunch.

The State sells us surplus commodities at reduced rates and reimburses us .09 for each Class A lunch served and .02 for each Class C lunch **IF** we meet ALL of the requirements.

Our Remedial Class, under the direction of Miss Alberta Wicks, makes available to the slow learner happy social relationships and gives him the training necessary to help him use leisure time wisely and to increase his responsibility toward his home and community.

The fundamental aim of all education is to teach children to live wisely and well in the environment in which they find themselves. Sometimes the emphasis in education has to be keyed to the capacity of the child, taking into consideration his limitations and his personal interests. Because of this, a more simple and practical daily schedule than that followed in the grades must be offered. Although each child passes the greater part of the day in his home room with his own age group, it is in the ungraded room that his reading is given first importance and his talents developed by creative art projects.

Open House was held during National Education Week and over 400 parents and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the school.

Our health department is doing exceptionally fine work. Physical examinations are being conducted by Dr. Norris Orchard and all pupils are weighed, measured and given the Massachusetts Vision Test by Miss Adelyn Peabody who, despite her busy schedule, is always ready to conduct a toxoid clinic, dispense cod liver oil, treat an injury, care for ill pupils, speak to a class on good health practices or offer advice and suggestions. We should feel fortunate in having such a well trained and dilligent worker in our system. The dental needs of the children are cared for by Dr. Malcolm Dana who makes a weekly visit to the school.

A great deal of credit must be given our custodian, Mr. Charles Smith, who takes a genuine interest in his work. Visitors constantly comment upon the cleanliness of the building which seems to be much newer than it actually is. Mr. Smith is assisted by Mr. E. H. Whitney.

Our bus drivers are to be complimented upon how well they are carrying out their difficult duties. Rowdyism, so prevalent on some school busses, does not exist here. Our drivers adhere strictly to the policies of the school and their help in many matters is greatly appreciated.

I have discussed only a few of the things that I feel are "right" with our school. There are many features that could be improved but we wouldn't be living in a normal situation if this fact were not true. Briefly, the school needs several things which, if added, would increase the efficiency of our school. I list herewith some of these needs and publicly state that I intend to work toward the attainment of them.

1. A library made up of both fictional and reference works. This could be either a central or a classroom library—the trend in elementary school being toward classroom libraries.
2. Every classroom should be equipped with a file cabinet for the teacher.
3. I feel that a complete study should be made of the arithmetic, reading and spelling systems now being used in the school.
4. A 16mm sound film projector is needed. Our Audio Visual Aids department is inadequate and consists of two well worn portable phonographs, a good strip film projector, a few film strips, a classroom screen and a few cracked and inappropriate recordings. A record player with amplifier attachment would be invaluable for use in our cafeteria or all purpose room.
5. With the completion of the additional rooms, the necessity for an intercommunication system of some kind is readily seen. It is hard to visualize a new building of about 22 classrooms plus offices, auditorium, cafeteria and miscellaneous rooms without a means of communication.
6. I most heartily suggest the purchase of a typewriter for the school office.
7. Our present playground equipment—bats, balls, etc.—will have to be replaced before too long a time. The purchase of additional equipment is advocated.

Both the teachers and I welcome the constructive criticisms and suggestions which parents may care to offer and stand ready to do all we can to promote continual growth and progress in our schools.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, teachers, P.T.A., Librarians at Brooks Library, our custodians, parents and friends who have helped and cooperated in so many ways during my first few months as principal of the Elementary School.



In closing I should like to present a quotation of a man not in the field of education—Henry Ford:

“If we can afford war, we can also afford education. If we can spend billions on war, we can afford to spend millions that will give American children their birth right, health and education. Whatever else we do, let's not stint our children. Education is not a luxury, it is a necessity.”

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN J. BUMP

Principal, Elementary School

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### REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

“Will our schools remain as cold storage systems for the millions of High School youngsters in this country, or have we the imagination and courage to develop a program of education that will be meaningful for each individual?”

This question posed by a school administrator expresses the concern not only of administration but of teachers and counselors everywhere—all who work with youth. The problem of meeting individual needs of pupils is a tremendous one in today's complex economic setup. Trying to attain the American ideal of “an education for all children of all people” has never been a simple task.

Present day school building shortages, rising educational costs, and inadequate budgets increase the perplexity.

Expansion of the guidance service downward to include school beginners and upward to include school leavers and graduates has certainly increased the scope and variety of guidance duties. The increased number of pupils means increased counseling periods, more testing service, and increased placement problems. The number of school pupils now is almost double the school population of 1947 when the guidance service started.



At the present time, 504 pupils from grade eight through grade 12 are counseled one or more times each year. 767 pupils are given mental ability tests—1172 achievement tests are given to pupils in grades one through eight. 354 guidance tests are given to eighth graders and 258 tests are given to high school juniors. About 50 individual tests are administered each year. The total number of tests is 2598.

Placement services are given to all pupils who graduate. This covers those who go to work as well as those who continue their education. 74% of graduates in Harwich continued their education. 50% of these secured scholarship help, averaging \$350 each. At the present time \$6835 is being used by graduates of Harwich High School. This does not include work grants or scholarships to be paid in future years.

Trips to schools are made by the pupils who are interested. They have an opportunity to see the schools and pupils under guidance supervision.

Occupational information is procured and filed away for pupil use. A "Career Day" has been held when adult specialists from outside come into the school and tell pupils about their field of work.

Under the stimulation of guidance workers and other interested people in Barnstable County, a Family Guidance Service has been organized in the county health office. It should begin its work early in 1954.

Mr. William King, State Education Supervisor has given us help with the training of our physically handicapped. Under this program pupils are trained to earn a satisfactory living and the training costs are paid by the state department of education.

Mr. Warren E. Benson, State Supervisor of Guidance and Placement has given much of his time and advice to make your program more effective.

Everyone in the school union educational program has given his best talents to improve your guidance service.

We are assured by outside observers that your program is one of the best in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID O. LYNCH

Guidance Director

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Concepts in art education sharpen with the passage of time. Whatever I know and do as a teacher of art is not, of course, spontaneously arrived at. The slow accretion of knowledge and understanding in art education is in a large part the result of the vital and direct experiences which I have had in my daily contact with students. Perhaps the greatest misfortune lies in the fact that these significant experiences usually go unrecorded. They occur wherever and whenever creative work takes place.

Children are born creators and remain so. I do not believe their native art impulses are killed by the imposition or imitation of adult standards concerned with skill and literal fact. As a result of this belief I have attempted to develop and revitalize interest in the basic fundamentals of art. Throughout the grades students are being taught the elements of form, light and shade, perspective, color theory and design. Demonstrations in the uses of various media have been given although the many supporters of "free" expression refuse to demonstrate how to do anything.

I do not believe in confining art activities to scheduled lessons in specified periods. Pupils should use art whenever it is applicable and meaningful in any area within the school program, integrating it with other fields and extra curriculums. If children show great enthusiasm for art in the elementary grades they will be eager to take additional art courses when given an opportunity to do so in the junior and senior high school. It is only with the help of the class room teacher that I can hope to accomplish this.

There is in all teaching of art the ever-present necessity of widening one's comprehensions, and the accumulation of knowledge and experience is the surest and most dependable foundation for successful art teaching.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LEO FERRIS

Art Supervisor



## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN HIGH SCHOOL

I am pleased to report that instrumental music in the high school is in a satisfactory state. Our orchestras are not too large, but we are training new pupils who will be admitted to orchestra as they become capable of playing the selected music.

One of the greatest problems of any instrumental program is the lack of practice on the part of each pupil. Union 19 High Schools are a typical example. I believe the modern pace of living is in part responsible for this. Students have many non-scholastic distractions to occupy their time. A second reason can be attributed to the size of our high schools. Many of the instrumentalists are those who participate also in athletics, dramatics and other school extra-curricular activities. Because of this situation students do not have the opportunity to become accomplished musicians during their high school years. However, most pupils do practice enough to acquire a familiarity with their instruments that is sufficient to produce music which is pleasing to hear and also to give the pupil a feeling of accomplishment. This is in keeping with our philosophy of music education in the public schools.

This fall, selected students from each high school orchestra of the union have been meeting on Friday afternoon to play in our union orchestra. Mr. Gricius and I have been working together on this project. We are both pleased with the fine cooperation of the parents in supplying transportation to and from these rehearsals.

I wish to thank the principals and Mr. Hoyt for their help in setting up my program and getting it under way. A music program needs the interest of school administrators and parents in order to grow. In this respect I am very fortunate in Union 19. In the near future you will be hearing our high school and union orchestras. I assure you that you will hear music of high caliber that is well performed.

Respectfully submitted,

SALVATORE PICCOLO,

Supervisor of Instrumental Music  
in the High School



## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This year for the first time, music appreciation classes geared to modern times have been introduced to help your girls and boys in grades four and five to create a greater appreciation of good music.

World-famous artists—and the Firestone and Telephone Orchestras under their noted conductors Howard Barlow and Donald Voorhees will present outstanding musical programs especially designed for elementary, junior and high school levels.

Once again over a million young readers in our public schols will have a kind of musical guidance not available since the days of the Walter Damrosch series.

### **Here is the Educational Project:**

1. Keyboard Junior Magazine for junior and high school level and Young Keyboard Junior Periodicals for the elementary level give background material to be used for preliminary study of outstanding radio and television programs. These include composer biographies, listening lessens, current biographies of guest artists and other valuable information.

2. Firestone and Telephone Hours then present these compositions performed by their orchestras and by world famous guest artists.

In each elementary school of School Union #19, one teacher has cooperated with me in directing the music appreciation classes. Mrs. Perisho gladly accepted the responsibility in this new endeavor and has done a commendable job.

Through the interest and effort of our principal, Mr. Bump, musical records for elementary school use were sought of anyone wishing to donate or contribute to the proposed music library. Only one interested person responded to the appeal which received first page notice in the Cape Cod Standard-Times. It still is not too late to donate!

With the permission of the school administration granted, an instrumental demonstration was presented in the cafeteria last September through the courtesy of Gott's Music Store. The demonstration was well received by parents, teachers and children.

The primary purpose of the demonstration was to create more interest among the parents and of the girls and boys

desiring to learn how to play an instrument with an opportunity to use a brand new instrument under the "Return Privilege Rental Plan". This plan has been highly endorsed by many music educators all over the country and by the parents that have invested toward the purchase of an instrument under this plan.

Taking part in the demonstration were Mr. Gott, who acted as master of ceremonies and who explained the brass and percussion instruments as well as playing the trumpet. Mr. Gavoni explained and played the accordion. Mr. Tourjee explained and played the baritone horn and trombone. Mr. Piccolo, our new instrumental teacher, explained the string family and played the violin. Yours truly explained the woodwind family, primarily the clarinet, flute and saxophone and played the clarinet. As a finale, we all played a popular selection "ad lib". Questions regarding the rental plan by interested parents and students followed the demonstration.

Plans are being made to organize an elementary orchestra in January as was done last school year. Instrumentalists from Brooks Academy will have to be transported to and from rehearsals which will be held in the cafeteria so use can be made of the piano. Grade teachers will teach rhythm band and flutophone classes so time can be available for rehearsals.

The Piano Class of eight potential pianists started in full swing this year. The Beginner Thompson Method is being used by the whole class. The purpose of the class is to get a basic knowledge of the piano keyboard, clef signs, music staff, letter names as well as syllable names, musical notations, time and key signatures, rhythmic patterns, melodic patterns, expression marks, and an ability to count and play, say letter names and play and to sing words and play. The class is meant to be a "fun-at-work" time and not a "drudge-at-work". Knowledge of piano I feel is the greatest asset the instrumentalist has in teaching either vocal or instrumental music. Knowledge of piano to the student who wishes to learn to play another instrument is invaluable.

My Schedule of teaching is as follows:

## **TUESDAY**

- 9:00- 9:30 Beginner's Piano Class (Group of 8)
- 9:30-10:00 Flutophone Class (Grade 3—Mrs. Adams)
- 10:00-10:20 Snare Drum Lesson
- 10:20-10:40 Baritone Horn Lesson
- 10:40-11:00 Trombone Lesson



11:00-11:20 Trombone Lesson  
 11:20-11:40 Trumpet Lesson  
 11:40-12:15 Trumpet Lesson  
 12:15-12:45 Lunch  
 12:45- 1:15 Rhythm Band—Grade 1—Mrs. Nickerson, rotate  
                   each week Miss Chase  
 1:15-1:45 Violin Lesson  
 1:145-2:15 Violin Lesson

## FRIDAY

1:00-1:25 Rhythm Band—Grade 1—Mrs. Tracy—Every 2nd  
                   week  
 1:25-1:50 Rhythm Band—Grade 2—Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Mac-  
                   Arthur (rotate every other week)  
 1:50-2:00 Flutophone Class—Grade 3—Mrs. Chase

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. GRICIUS

Supervisor of Instrumental Music

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF VOCAL MUSIC

One of the Primary Objectives in the field of school music is to provide our boys and girls with musical experiences of an enriching and satisfying nature so as to promote the continued use of music as a means of expression throughout life. In order to achieve this end, I am making every effort to develop programs of music activities which center around the needs and desires of the pupils.

As it comes time to write another report on vocal music in the schools of Union #19, I am filled with conflicting emotions: on the one hand the realization that the love and response to music has continued to progress and develop from the grades thru high school. Enthusiasm is the keynote, and the fact that the choruses of two of our three high schools have grown this year to well over a hundred members each leads me to feel that the seeds of musical interest planted in the grades are definitely beginning to bear fruit.

On the other hand, there is the realization and knowledge that far too little can be accomplished in the line of public performance by our musical groups due to the comparatively short time allotted for music to each class.



Music is a great source of enjoyment in living. It is for those of us in the field of music education to guide our boys and girls in exploring the many avenues of music so as to find for themselves a new means of expression and one of the most rewarding and satisfying avenues of musical enjoyment comes from group performance.

Boys and girls who participate in our school music groups, whether it be the regular class work in the grades, or choirs, glee clubs and choruses, naturally wish to experience what they consider to be successful performance of the music which they rehearse and prepare for the teacher, the supervisor or for general public enjoyment. Successful performance inspires a healthy attitude and is conducive to individual, as well as group progress. It is a common belief that the enjoyment we derive from an activity depends upon the degree to which we pursue this activity and the attitudes we develop as a result of our experience.

Obviously, to use music as a means of expression, each child must develop a degree of musical proficiency in order to "speak the language" as it were, and opportunities should therefore be offered to nurture the musical growth of the individual and promote continuous enjoyment thru satisfying performance of good music. We supervisors are doing our best to bring this about.

Respectfully submitted,

WEBSTER WHITNEY TILESTON

Supervisor of Vocal Music

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### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

The State Department of Health requires a complete physical examination of all school children every 3rd or 4th year as well as requiring the physical examination of every child entering the 1st grade.

This being a third year, it seemed desirable to examine as many of the upper grade pupils in the Elementary School as we could this year. Completing the remaining examinations next year. In the 55 upper grade pupils so far re-examined, no new findings were noted. General health is good.

The end of November finds us with the examination of more than one-half of entering pupils completed. This year

90 children enrolled in the 1st grade. Histories of past illnesses have been obtained from the parent present at the examination. In every interview an effort is made to uncover any history of emotional stress in the child's life.

It is quite plain that in these new pupils there is a sharp decline over previous years in the number of children showing structural defects and in few instances only was the parent unaware of them.

Our chief problem is what we shall do for the child coming to school giving too plainly evidence of sheer neglect at home. Unclean bodies and unclean clothes; tales of wholly unsuitable and inadequate breakfasts. It is in this group that we find the greatest evidence of faulty nutrition naturally. The problem is age-old, but simply that it is age-old should not deter us from making an effort to solve it.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS G. ORCHARD, M.D.

School Physician

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### REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

All children in grades seven through twelve were examined and found to be in good physical condition.

Both squads of basketball players were given careful examination.

A few students have been referred for dental work to be done. There are some evidence of enlarged tonsils and defective posture. A small number were found to be under weight and there were two mild cases of heart disease noted. However, the majority of the high school students are in good physical health.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. D'ELIA, M.D.

School Physician



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

General health among children during the school year was creditable to those whose duties and responsibilities led to such profitable results. The cooperation of Dr. Orchard and Dr. D'Elia should be mentioned as they examined all the children with the nurse present and found that the general physical appearance among the children had improved substantially and that the weight gains were of good average.

The Dental Clinic has functioned as usual, one day a week, with an average of 12-16 pupils treated during school hours. Fluoride treatment for teeth was given last spring by a Dental Hygienist from the County.

Contagious diseases were few in number; common colds seemed to be most prevalent. It has been the custom to ask parents to keep children home with this malady as they are so contagious, and we are trying to force this rule again.

Free lunches and Cod Liver Oil were provided by the Visiting Nurse Association, and there was the general distribution of clothing by the nurse.

Short talks were given in the first grades to acquaint the children with the Doctor and Nurse and the part they play in the school program.

The year has been replete with the cooperation and accomplishment toward the betterment of Community Health. The two units, general nursing and school nursing, have functioned without interruption thanks to such cooperation on the part of the school and community organizations.

The unit as organized during the past year will be able to be of still greater service as its systems and assignments fulfill their opportunities in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELYN PEABODY, R.N.

School Nurse

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTIST

The dental program for the fiscal year beginning December 5, 1952 to December 5, 1953, was accomplished in the following manner.

There were, as follows:

Examinations

500



Extractions	86
Fillings:	
Porcelain	39
Amalgam	214
Zinc Oxide	72
Cleanings	20
Gum Treatments	6
Root Canal Treatments	1

All the students were examined at the beginning of the school year and notices sent home of those needing dental treatment. At the present time most of the students are in fair dental health.

I have found most of the students cooperative and due to this cooperation and the assistance of Miss Adelyn Peabody, I have been able to accomplish the above program.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM L. DANA, D.D.S.

School Dentist

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### SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1953

	Boys	Girls
Five years or over and under seven	69	53
Seven years or over and under sixteen	215	216
	<hr/> 284	<hr/> 269

### Distribution of the Above Minors

In public day school membership:

Five years or over and under seven	85
Seven years or over and under sixteen	419

In private school membership:

Five years or over and under seven	11
Seven years or over and under sixteen	7

In State and County Institutions and Special Schools:

Seven years or over and under sixteen	4
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Not enrolled in any day school:

Five years or over and under seven	26
Seven years or over and under sixteen	1

# SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES

October 1, 1953

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total	
1	45	44	89	
2	31	32	63	
3	28	30	58	
4	22	30	52	
5	23	30	53	
			Elem.	315
6	31	26	57	
7	19	20	39	
			Br. Acad.	96
8	23	19	42	
9	20	23	43	
10	14	17	31	
11	17	18	35	
12	15	14	29	
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	288	303	High	180
Total				<hr/>
				591

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP  
By Grades as of October 1943 - 1953

Grade	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
1	32	45	48	47	50	61	59	51	64	74	89
2	32	31	38	38	43	35	58	58	51	54	63
3	31	32	36	43	41	38	40	57	57	52	58
4	27	26	34	36	42	42	41	43	54	53	52
5	36	27	26	38	32	43	45	48	37	51	53
6	32	31	38	30	39	39	41	47	50	39	57
Ungraded	4	13				16					
7	36	34	34	39	38	48	47	43	48	45	39
8	23	33	40	32	40	27	29	43	44	47	42
9	25	19	29	38	31	33	32	30	39	35	43
10	18	24	13	21	20	29	33	30	30	39	31
11	22	14	19	12	22	27	25	33	26	28	35
12	18	20	12	11	11	24	29	24	30	26	29
P.G.							1				
	336	349	367	385	409	462	480	507	530	543	591
7-12	142	144	147	153	162	188	196	203	217	220	219
1-6	194	205	220	232	247	274	284	304	313	323	372



**BROOKS MEDAL RECIPIENTS  
1953**

**High School:**

Mary Belle Barker, Grade 12

**Junior High School:**

Suzanne B. Sims, Grade 8

**Brooks Academy:**

Judith Claire Chase, Grade 6

**Elementary School:**

Karen J. Jorgensen, Grade 5

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**CLASS DAY EXERCISES**

Wednesday afternoon, June tenth  
High School Auditorium

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**GRADUATION EXERCISES**

Thursday evening, June eleventh  
Exchange Hall

Class Colors: Maroon and White  
Class Flower: Red Carnation

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**CLASS ROLL**

**College Curriculum**

Edna Baker	James Franklin Miller
*Mary Belle Barker	Lawrence Francis Nickerson, Jr.
Edith Eva Coulson	Joy Ann Reese
Dennis Francis Duggan	Frank Herbert Sliney
*John Oliver Harper	Jacqueline Beryl Smith
*Judith Marcia Holmes	*Donald Spencer Thomson
Josephine Lucy Keefe	Patricia Tobey
Derrell Sevier Lynch	Marilyn Ann Wixon

**Commercial Curriculum**

Janet Louise Daggett	Jane Teixeira
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**General Curriculum**

Barbara Ann Gomes	Lewis Sherman Megathlin
James George Gomes	Richard Caesar Pina
Richard Edward Gomes	Gerald Stephen Roderick
George Vernon Johnson III	Elliot Gibson Swift

\* Senior Honors

**SCHOOL CALENDAR****1953-54**

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September 9, 1953 to December 24, 1953

January 4, 1954 to February 19, 1954

March 1, 1954 to April 16, 1954

April 26, 1954 to June 18, 1954

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**School Holidays**

October 12, 1953—Columbus Day—Monday

October 23, 1953—Barnstable County Teachers' Meeting—  
Friday.

November 11, 1953—Armistice Day—Wednesday

November 26 & 27, 1953—Thanksgiving Recess—Thursday and  
Friday.

Schools close at noon on December 24, 1953 for Christmas  
vacation.

December 24, 1953 to January 4, 1954—Christmas vacation

February 19 to March 1, 1954—Mid-winter vacation

February 22, 1954—Washington's Birthday—During vacation

April 16, 1954 to April 26, 1954—Spring vacation

April 19, 1954—Patriot's Day—During vacation

May 31, 1954—Memorial Day—Monday

**Graduation Dates**

June 10, 1954—Thursday (evening)

School opens September 8, 1953 for the year 1953-54. A meeting of all teachers and supervisors in Union #19 will be held at the Harwich High School 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 1954.

# CORPS OF TEACHERS — DECEMBER 1953

Name	Position	Preparation	Degree	Service in Harwich Began	Experience Prior to Sept. 1953	Address
Chauncey D. MacKay	High Principal	Boston University	Ed.M.	11-23-53	29	Harwichport
Louise Aubrey	High Assistant	Framingham College	B.S.	9-8-52	2	Centerville
Joanne F. Brooks	High Assistant	Bridgewater College	B.S.	9-9-53	2	Hyannis
Charles E. Dunbar	High Assistant	Boston University	B.S.	9-9-53	3	Dennisport
Ronald J. Dunn	High Assistant	Boston University	B.S.	9-9-53	0	West Harwich
Scott A. Ellis	High Assistant			10-1-42	11	Harwich
William W. Fish, Jr.	Brooks Academy	Hyannis Tcher's Col. & Boston University	M.Ed.	9-8-47	6	Sandwich
Estelle Kimball	High Assistant	Radcliffe A.B.		9-8-48	31	W. Chatham
Hillary M. LeClaire	High Assistant	Monson Academy		1-2-19	38	Harwichport
Anders Nelson	High Assistant	Fitchburg College	M.Ed.	9-35	*18	Centerville
Leonard W. Peck	High Assistant	Harvard College	A.M.	9-5-51	2	Cotuit
Linette Triangolo	High Assistant	Bryant College	B.S.	9-9-53	0	Harwich
Oliver C. Turcotte	High Assistant	Univ. of N. Y.	B.A.	12-10-51	2	Harwich
John S. W. Smith	Brooks Academy	Boston University	B.S.	9-16-53	1	Harwich
Elna R. Nelson	Brooks Academy	Hyannis Tchers' College	B.S.	11-30-53	8	Centerville
Benjamin J. Bump	Elem. Principal	Bridgewater Tchers' College	B.S.	9-9-53	15	Harwichport
Hilda P. Adams	Elem. Assistant	Hyannis Normal		9-7-49	14	Harwichport
Cora D. Chase	Elem. Assistant	Hyannis Normal		1923	30	Harwichport
Maude W. Chase	Elem. Assistant	Bridgewater College	B.S.	9-9-53	2	Eastham
Helen R. Drake	Brooks Academy	Bridgewater - Columbia		9-10-46	24	Harwich
Hazel B. Knight	Elem. Assistant	Boston University	Ed.M.	9-9-53	16	Hyannis
Elizabeth McArthur	Elem. Assistant	Emerson College		9-9-53	4½	Centerville
Elizabeth S. Miller	Elem. Assistant	Buffalo Teachers College		4-1-48	11½	Harwichport
Ruth M. Nickerson	Elem. Assistant	Hyannis Normal		9-10-45	14	S. Harwich
Helen Perisho	Elem. Assistant	Penn College	B.A.	9-6-50	12½	W. Harwich
Elizabeth B. Terrio	Elem. Assistant	Emmanuel College	A.B.	9-9-53	0	Bass River
Carolyn Tracy	Elem. Assistant	Oklahoma College	B.A.	9-8-52	13	Chatham
Helen Vial	Elem. Assistant	Sargent - Harvard		9-8-52	4½	W. Dennis
Alberta T. Wicks	Elem. Assistant	Union Hill, N. J.		10-1-47	9¼	Harwichport
C Leo Ferris	Art	Vesper George		9-9-53	5	Harwich
Frederick A. Gricius	Inst. Music	N.E. Cons. of Music		9-8-51	3	N. Harwich
David O. Lynch	Guid. Director	Boston University	B.S.	9-8-47	12	Harwich
Salvatore Piccolo	Inst. Music	Malkin Cons. Music	B.M.	9-9-53	6	S. Harwich
Webster W. Tileston	Vocal Music	N.E. Cons. of Music	B.M.	1-2-46	21	S. Harwich

\* Includes three years and three months in Military Service.



**TEACHERS WHO HAVE LEFT HARWICH  
SCHOOL SERVICE DURING 1953**

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Name	Dates of Service	Length of Service in Harwich
Paul A. Morris, Principal	9-1928-10-31-53	25 years
David W. Bailey	9-7-49- 6-30-53	4 years
Elizabeth A. Cashman	9-6-50- 6-30-53	3 years
Patricia R. Davis	9-8-47- 6-30-53	6 years
Fernando A. Pola	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
Phyllis Mitchell	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
Ethalene B. Nickerson, Principal	1922- 6-30-53	31 years
Ruth E. Cunningham	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
Georgette Cournoyer	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
Doris Dunn	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
Roberta M. Woodbury	9-8-52- 6-30-53	1 year
C. Aileen O'Toole	9-8-48- 6-30-53	5 years

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